

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on May 2, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilwoman Campbell, Councilmen Pernisek and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Bunny Bucho, Dan Bucho, Dennis Gilbert, Tracey Devies, Louise Kelly, Laura Tighe, Matt Tighe, Howard Henning, Carol Myer and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda as presented.
APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of April 18, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #17135-17169 and manual check #17078, Water Fund #5729-5742, Sewer Fund #7334-7353, State checks #2091-2093, Developer's check #1088, and payroll checks #15981-15991, 10048 (Water) and (Sewer)10115. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The spring street sweeping has been completed. We hired a commercial street sweeper from Suit-Kote to perform this function in the Lakeside, Forest Drive, Obed Heights and Washington Town Blvd area, while the remaining roads that needed it were done with the power broom mounted on the Township's tractor. Our focus now will be on pipe replacement and ditching. We anticipate a complete complement of road crew employees now and hope to get things in motion for the upcoming maintenance season.

Easements necessary for the Lay Road pipe replacement have been provided to the two parties involved. We hope that we can expedite the process and get these signed and recorded as soon as possible. We trying to get this project on tract as the window of opportunity may be small being we are doing a majority of the project ourselves. We are looking for the driest time of year and prior to the reopening of the school and bus travel. This is a significant project for our crew, but with good planning and decent weather, we are confident they can complete the project at a significant savings to the Township. If this project is a success, we will need to repeat it on Lewis Road in 2018, as the crossing near Old Rte 86 also is in desperate need of replacement. It is a very similar situation and must have something done to it before we lose it completely to the elements.

Velocity Net is extending fiber optic lines in to the Township. Concerns over the need for a franchise agreement forced the need for legal consultation. After discussion, our solicitor felt that an agreement for use of the right of way may be sufficient to maintain a fair arrangement with both Armstrong and Velocity Net. We have been in contact with Armstrong and they agree that unless they offer video, there is no need for a franchise type agreement, but a right of way agreement seemed to be fair. Velocity Net has provided a draft used in another municipality in Erie County. We will review and then forward to Council for consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony the following correspondence: A PSATS Legal Defense Report and a thank you letter from Deb McIntyre concerning sweeping of Township roads. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Gilbert subdivision and the monthly Building Report for Council's review. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Gilbert subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Halmi presented bids for the Lay Road pipe replacement project for Council's review. It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Patterson, to accept the bid from Mack Industries in the amount of \$74,500.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMM Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the April 18, 2107 Meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell updated Council on the PSATS Convention and presented an ECATO's Yearbook Dinner invitation.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the April 7, 2017 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 ROADS PROJECTS Manager Anthony presented a list of roads projects for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the roads projects as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADAMS PROBATION PERIOD Manager Anthony informed Council that Robbie Adams has completed his 6-month probationary period. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Glass, to approve Mr. Adams full-time permanent status at a rate of \$19.00 per hour. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Matt Tighe, Bunny Bucho, Dan Bucho, Laura Tighe, and Tracey Devies addressed Council concerning the recent rezoning of the a portion of Lovett's Mobile Home Park and stormwater issues affecting bordering landowners. Mayor Glass asked the group if they are in contact with Erie County Conservation Office that oversees stormwater issues.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:28 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**