

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on May 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella, and Solicitor Paul Burroughs. Visitor was Amber Wellington.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to amend the Agenda with the deletion of 13 A, Visitor request, and adding an Executive Session in its place. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of April 7, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12214-12267 and manual checks #1145311454-11458, Water Fund checks #4554-4570 and manual check #3998, Sewer Fund #5558-5597 and manual check #4698, State checks #2003-2005, State Fund check #2007 and payroll checks #10000027, 10000121-1000012, #995385-995394. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Springtime ditching program along various Township roads has begun. Most streets that require it have been broomed as well. Crews will continue to fill potholes and review areas for major road projects for this year. I will provide Council a list of proposed projects in the future. This will then have to be bid out per PennDot regulations as the majority of our projects will be paid for via liquid fuels. As always, our needs are many and our funds are few. Road projects will be rank by priority and type of project. We continue to be reactive rather than proactive as cost have skyrocketed and conditions on our roads continue to deteriorate. In addition, we have purchased our yearly pipe supply and will be replacing a number of worn out sluice pipes throughout the Township. The largest will be on Henneous Road.

The Water Department has completed the biannual hydrant flushing of the entire system. The flushing continues to ensure a quality product to our customers and removes sediment that may be lingering in the pipes. In addition, those areas that see less usage are replenished with fresh treated water. This occurs at dead ends and areas that are not looped. The crew spends three evenings completing this process so as not to disturb the majority of users. The main storage tank itself will receive its annual cleaning later on this year.

The Sewer Department is doing preventative maintenance on all of the lift stations in anticipation of the forthcoming change of operation. As previously reported we cannot afford to make any operation/maintenance changes concerning employees until we have a definite date of transformation from treatment plant to lift station. Unfortunately, this will cost the system additional labor cost, but to effectively operate the plant two certified operators are required.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A thank-you letter from Fort LeBoeuf School District concerning winter road maintenance, a list of candidates from the Erie County Board of Elections, and an invitation to the Edinboro University Homecoming Parade. No action was required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions, updated Council on the enforcement actions and presented the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs advised Council on the Consent Order and Agreement extension request to the DEP because the contractor did not meet the Edinboro sewer plant construction completion deadline of May 3, 2009. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution #12-09, amending the Consent Order and Agreement with the DEP to extend the completion date of the Edinboro Sewer Plant expansion, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to approve the revised modifications to the Consent Order and Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the April 28, 2009 Meeting. Also presented was Planning Commission member Tom Torti's resignation. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to accept Mr. Torti's resignation as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to appoint Bunny Bucho to serve the remainder of Mr. Torti's 4-year term that expires April 1, 2012. Roll call vote: Glass, yes; Campbell, yes, Foulkrod, yes; Patterson, no; Stefano, no. Motion carried.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Minutes were unavailable. Councilman Stefano presented the annual Yearbook Dinner Notice and will attend the dinner.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No report.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Vice-Mayor Foulkrod presented a press release from the Edinboro Lake Watershed Association detailing their efforts to restore Edinboro Lake to its natural state.

VETS PARK No report.

SEWER AUTHORITY Councilwoman Campbell did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Meeting and the Monthly Flow Report.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a copy of the budget to date for Council's review. No action was required.

RES. #11-09 It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution #11-09, the **CORNELL SFT** Cornell small flow treatment plant as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. #9-09 It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution # 9-09, the **& RES. #10-09** FFY 2009 CDBG application as presented. Voting in favor were Foulkrod, Glass, Campbell and Stefano. Voting opposed was Patterson. Motion carried. It was voted on Motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve resolution #10-09, the CDBG Fair Housing Notice, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to move the proposed Ordinance #2-09, **ORD. # 2-09** amending the setbacks of the Township Code to the next Council Workshop of June 24, 2009 for **CODE SETBACKS** further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY/ It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to approve the date change **MTG DATE CHANGE** of the May 19, 2009 Council Meeting to Wednesday, May 20, 2009 to accommodate the election polls in Council chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS None.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION Council convened in Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. to discuss issues of pending and existing litigation. Council re-convened in regular session at 9:17 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:20

P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

