

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on May 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Pernisek, Councilmen Feikles, Glass, and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were John Allen, S. O'Neill, Abbey Hudson, Mark Soboleksi, Robert Estok, Carrie Crow, Ben Crow, David Catanzarite, Sara Strand, and James Strand.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of April 15, 2014. Voting in favor were Patterson, Pernisek, Feikles and Glass. Mayor Campbell did not vote because she was not in attendance of this meeting. Motion carried. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 Public Hearing as presented. Voting in favor were Patterson, Pernisek, Feikles and Glass. Mayor Campbell did not vote because she was not in attendance at this meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15185-15234, Water Fund #5297 -5311, Sewer Fund #6712-6727, State checks #2048-2049, Developer's check #1061-1062, and payroll checks #10014 (Water), 10025 (Sewer), #15300-15310. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

As previously reported we have several roads with significant damage occur due to the deep freeze thaw cycle this past winter. Although we are more fortunate than some of the neighboring municipalities as we have not had to close any roads to vehicular traffic. Florek Road north of Capp has several large spongy areas as does Laycock Road just before Old Rt 86. The Road Crew has been working diligently on digging out and repairing numerous spots throughout the Township. The previously mentioned roads will need more intensive repairs. We are formulating the upcoming summer road upgrade suggestions for Council but it is still too early to make a definite determination as to where is the best place to focus our attention. It will be a little later than usual, but we should be able to make recommendation to Council by the June meeting, thus allowing for proper advertising and bid awards for the summer program.

The Sewer Department continues its aggressive search and destroy of inflow and infiltration. Each little repair or correction adds to the ongoing battle of removing this problem that has plagued our system. Although it is nearly impossible to accurately determine the amount reduced, we are confident that we are making strides towards long term reduction. Of course major projects like the pipe relining we did a couple of years ago helps tremendously, but that cost is something the Sewer budget just can't handle at this time. The Sewer Department takes every opportunity to find as many small repairable sources of I&I as possible.

The Water Department hydrant flushing has been completed and no major concerns have been noted. The system continues to operate very efficiently. Minor problems did occur within the plant that resulted in some flooding of the floor area. This was corrected immediately with no damage to report. A plastic valve failed during the early morning hours and our alert system worked properly, insuring a quick response by the operator.

Manager Anthony presented several videos of inflow and infiltration documented by the Sewer Department.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: An update from Coaxial Cable concerning programming reductions, an ISO report for the Township's fire hydrants, a letter from Erie County concerning the Township's Homestead/ Farmstead median values, and a letter from Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper concerning the upcoming Watershed Awareness Day on May 14, 2014. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Estok final subdivision and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the Estok subdivision contingent upon receipt of a HOP. Motion carried unanimously.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the March 25, 2014 Meeting, a copy of a letter sent to the Strand family for their attendance at the Commission's meetings, and Chairwoman Bucho's resignation. Mayor Campbell informed Council that Mike Glass will now be the Council representative for the Planning Commission, replacing her as the current Council representative. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to accept the Bucho resignation as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** Council directed Manager Anthony to send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Bucho for all her years of service on the Planning Commission and to advertise said remaining term position in the newspaper.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 Meeting. The Board denied the request from Steven and Susan Hurley for relief of a side-yard setback of 15' to 7.3'.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the March 27, 2014 Meeting. The annual Yearbook Dinner will be held on May 22, 2014 at the Lakeview Country Club. Mayor Campbell gave a verbal report on the PSATS State Convention that she attended.

WATER AUTHORITY Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the April 17, 2014 Meeting. Pernisek informed Council of the Water Authority's resolution approval dissolving the Water Authority at their final meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the April 10, 2014 Meeting.

VETERANS PARK COMM. minutes were unavailable.

EMA Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the April 4, 2014 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. #3-14 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve Ordinance #3-14 amending **AMEND CODE** Chapter 15, §18.1 to include nightclubs, dancehalls, brew pubs, with the exception of omitting taverns as recommended by the Planning Commission in the C-2 zoning district of the Township Code. **Voting in favor** were Pernisek and Glass. **Voting opposed** were Feikles, Campbell and Patterson. **Motion did not pass. It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve Ordinance #3-14, amending Chapter 15, §18.1 to include nightclubs, dancehalls, taverns, brew pubs in the C-2 zoning district. **Voting in favor** were Campbell, Feikles, and Patterson. **Voting opposed** were Glass and Pernisek. **Motion carried.**

REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK Manager Anthony presented the revised Employee Handbook for Council's consideration. Council will review further and will bring the Handbook issue back to the next meeting.

PLAYGROUND EQUIP. PURCHASE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Crawl Tube from Biting Recreation in the amount of \$1,785.87 for the Conneauttee Park. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SEWER AUTH. POSITION Manager Anthony informed Council of the vacant seat on the Sewer Authority since John Allen filled a seat on the Planning Commission. **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Glass, to appoint Harry Ross to the Sewer Authority position vacated by Mr. Allen that expires April 1, 2019. **Motion carried unanimously.** The Borough Sewer Authority seat for the Townships' representation remains unfilled.

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PROP. ORD. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Patterson, to set a public hearing for Ordinance #4-14 #4-14, the termination of the Washington Township Water Authority and creating the Sewer and Water Authority on May 21, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS None.

VISITORS James Strand addressed Council thanking them for their recent votes amending the Township Code.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**