

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 7, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on May, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Glass, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Norman Willow, Nancy Weil, Shirley Berchtold and Denny Porto.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of April 16, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #14656-14700 and manual checks #14606, 14654-14655, Water Fund #5164-5174, Sewer Fund #6488-6505, State check #2029, Developer's checks #1040, and payroll checks #10004 (Water), 10008 (Sewer), 10002, #15064-15073. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew has been working overtime to compensate for being short-handed in the department. Mr. Wescoat continues to be off on Workers Compensation. Due to that need of additional employees, I have hired pending Council's approval, Frank Malena. I am pleased with his credentials and recommend Council's approval at a rate of \$15 as a full-time employee. Of course as is with all new employees there will be 6-month probationary period prior to any consideration of benefits.

The Road Crew has been very busy with repairs to the roads from the winter weather. Major repairs have been done in-house and we are pleased with the results. Ditching projects will be a major portion of their duties in May, along with getting worn out sluice pipes replaced, particularly in those areas that we anticipate major road improvements. We will be providing Council with recommendations on those road improvements at the mid May meeting. We will then advertise for possible contractors and schedule the work to be done late June or July, depending on the weather and the successful contractor's schedule.

The Water Department flushed hydrants over a period of three evenings. The first section was very clear early in the process, due to the continuous water leak that we had earlier this year. The remainder was typical for the spring flushing and no problems occurred during the procedure.

The Sewer Department finished the installation of the electrical connections at the Decker Lift Station that will allow us to connect our new portable generator in order to keep it pumped down in extended power outage situations. Several other stations will have this done to them as well, but now that we have learned the process, some of the retrofitting can be done by our crew.

A call from DCED concerning our application for the Penn Works Grant for the proposed Rt 99 Sewage Extension Project revealed that we stand little or no chance of being successful. As was expected, without a significant commitment of one or more businesses locating in the target areas that would offer additional employment opportunities, this very competitive grant is very unlikely to be successful even with the State Representative's support. These types of grants are ranked according to the economic development factor and growth that they will generate. At this time, we have no one that has indicated a new business with multiple employees is willing to locate in the targeted area due to the installation of a public sewage line. The expansion of housing does not constitute economic development due to its limited effect on the local job market. Unless we would get some valid commitment from a couple of businesses, the application will not move forward.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to hire Frank Malena to a full time position with a 6-month probationary period, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A Meeting notice from Destination Erie and a notice from WPA Water Pollution Control Association of a upcoming tour of the Edinboro Borough Sewage Treatment Plant. No action required.

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**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions but presented the monthly Building Report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Burroughs informed Council of the upcoming Sherriff's Sale of several properties in Washington Township.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the April 23, 2013 Meeting. Council reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations of changes to roadside stands and farm stands. The changes will be considered with future ordinance changes.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** No Meeting due to the PSATS State Convention.

**WATER AUTHORITY** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the April 11, 2013 Meeting.

**VETERAN PARK COMM.** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 5, 2013 Meetings. Glass also noted the upcoming Flag Day dedication on June 14, 2013.

**EMA** Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5, 2013 Meetings.

### OLD BUSINESS

**APPOINT ZONING OFFICER** Manager Anthony is recommending Norman Willow replace Carcella, who is retiring, as Zoning Administrator. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve Mr. Willow as the Zoning Officer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**GMSD SEWER AGREEMENTS** Manager Anthony presented the draft Sewer Agreement and the Note Purchase Agreement between to General McLane School District and Washington Township for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve said agreements as presented. A lengthy discussion with the Township Solicitor ensued. **Voting in favor** was Feikles. **Voting opposed** was Patterson, Glass, Campbell and Pernisek. **Motion failed. It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to direct Solicitor Burroughs to re-negotiate the Sewer Agreement to change full compliance in Article 6 and 13 to materials compliance, approving Resolution #8-13, contingent upon the said changes. **Voting in favor** were Patterson, Campbell, Pernisek and Glass. **Voting opposed** was Feikles. **Motion carried. It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve advertising for Public Hearing the proposed Ordinance for the Note Purchase Agreement contingent upon the Sewer Agreement changed as stated in prior motion to change Article 6 and 13. **Voting in favor** were Patterson, Campbell, Pernisek and Glass. **Voting opposed** was Feikles. **Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**2012 FINANCIAL REPORT** Manager Anthony presented the 2012 Audit for Council's review. No action was required.

**2013 BUDGET UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented the 2013 to-date Budget for Council's review. No action

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required.

**VISITORS** Nancy Weil and Shirley Berchtold questioned if the process for the Werth property clean-up on Fry Road was moving forward. The Zoning Office will make weekly inspections of the property.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:49 P.M.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**