

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on June 2, 2015 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, and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Steven O'Neill, Harry Glunt, Sam Kim, Abbey Hudson, Susie Ekelund, Robert Ekelund, and Sam Miller.

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 Feikles, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of May 20, 2015, with amended attendees. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15907-15954, Water Fund #5444-5454, Sewer Fund #6919-6932, State Fund checks #2064 and payroll checks #15535-15545 (Water) 10024 and (Sewer) 10053-10054. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

We have hired Matt Tighe's Earth Moving Inc. to help with the installation of the E-One Sewer System for the Township Administration and Garage buildings. In addition, the installed 2" line will be extended to the proposed Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department Social Club grounds behind the Township garage. A curb stop will be installed there for their future tap. The estimated cost is about \$6,500. We will supply the backhoe for the short dig from Washington Drive to the site and the electrical connection; we also will do the restoration of the site. The majority of the line will be installed via directional drilling. Once connected, we will no longer have to have our holding tanks pumped monthly at a rate of about \$150 per event. A portion of the cost for the install will be deducted from the EVDF line item donation to cover the cost to extend for their benefit.

I have moved the role of Parks Department oversight entirely to Joe Yurcak. I felt it needed tighter controls and due to the Route 99 Sewer Project coming to a last minute rush, Mr. Robinson will need to focus on those connections and related problems to get this final step in place.

We are still waiting on the return of the second main pump at the Angling Road lift station. We hope to see it within the week. Installation should be easily done and we can be confident we are back in full service. We are looking to complete the E-One install at the Scarlett property and the Baron property with this month as well.

We are waiting on REA to install the poles for the second siren. We know they have been very busy in Washington Valley installing replacement poles so we must be patient as ours is a free install, other than the electric service line and meter.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A sewer request from the American Legion to connect to the Route 99 sewer Project and a resident's concerns regarding oil and gas drilling.

It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve an agreement with the American Legion proposed building on Edinboro Road applying for a sewer connection and free grinder pump at this time and agreeing to pay a monthly \$75.00 sewer bill until such time as the Legion commences their building plans and connects to the newly constructed Route 99 sewer line. A deadline for connection has been set for October 31, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Planning Commission member Sam Kim addressed Council on the health issues associated with fracking and drilling and urged Council to consider amending the Township Code to ban fracking.

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to direct the Planning Commission to review current drilling regulations with the previous State legislation Act 13, regulating drilling. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report.

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SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented a letter from Engineer Halmi concerning the Anselmi residence at 5472 Wallace Drive that was destroyed by fire in 2014. The fire remnants of the home have become a health and safety issue for the residents in the area. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to proceed with nuisance enforcement by notifying the homeowner, Anselmi, that the Township will conduct a public hearing on June 16, 2015 during their regular bi-monthly meeting and at that time will give the Anselmis' 30-day notice of the Township demolition of said property. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION No Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ECATO Councilwoman Campbell did not attend but presented the Minutes of the April 23, 2015 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Mayor Glass did not attend but presented the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the May 1, 2015 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. #2-15 Manager Anthony presented draft Ordinance #2-15, amending the Township Code, for Council's **ADVERTISE** review. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to advertise for public hearing **FOR P.H.** and possible adoption of Ordinance #2-15 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

REA POLE AGREEMENT Manager Anthony presented an agreement with REA Electric for a pole license to post Township street signs to REA poles when necessary to meet State required distances for sign postings. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Pernisek, to approve said agreement as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to remove all current Township signs installed on the REA poles in a timely manner. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BIRCH DRIVE STORMWATER ISSUE Steve Allen of Birch Drive contacted Manager Anthony concerning recent stormwater flooding of his home on Birch Drive. Manager Anthony informed Council the problem was a large amount of rain with a short period of time flowing from Skyview Drive to a culvert on Angling Road owned by PennDOT that clogged with debris and moved debris to the Township's culvert on Birch Drive that overflowed onto the Allen property. Council directed Manager Anthony to meet with PennDOT and ask if their ditch could be cleaned out to carry excess stormwater that would divert it from Birch Drive and get their recommendations.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**