

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 3, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on June 3, 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 Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Vickie Yovich, Stephen O'Neill, Mike Dudenhoefer, Abbey Hudson, Jack Crow, Colin Wylie, Dennis Porto, and Cheri Catanzarite.

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

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of May 21, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the May 231, 2014 Public Hearing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15304-15339 and manual checks #15240 and 15302, Water Fund #5312-5322, Sewer Fund #6730-6744, State check #2050, Developer's check #1063 and payroll checks #10015 (Water), 10027 (Sewer), and #15318-15328. It was voted on motion by Pernisek, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

We can finally say that the remaining damage that occurred to our roads due to the tough winter has been repaired. We now will prepare for the upgrades to roads as previously discussed. The crew will be ditching, grading, and installing drainage on various roads to ready them for the various improvements. As always there is never enough money to do all that we would like to do. Road improvements are prioritized and review numerous times before we made our recommendations. For the first time in many years, we will be doing some new paving of existing gravel road surface. Not a significant amount but it will be enough to assist in transitioning a portion of the road now that the base is stabilized in the targeted area. To consider new paving the condition of the existing base is of utmost importance.

The Sewer Department is working to correct the infiltration problem that Council viewed a few weeks ago. A machine that we own will repair the joint of pipe internally that showed heavy water gushing in. A quote from a contractor to open the road up and make the same repair was provided at a cost of \$10,000. This was due to the depth and soil conditions in that area. Obviously, the choice to make the internal repair was considerably less expensive, but Council needs to know that this process won't work on every leak. We are fortunate that this leak is an ideal candidate for this type of repair that uses special epoxy and resin to seal the leak. Due to the wet conditions, we have been lucky to be able to do some consistent I&I research, but it also put us behind on the Parks upkeep. The Sewer Department will be assisting with that problem in order to get back on track.

The Water Department worked with the Fire Departments to use Township water to fight a blaze on Wallace Drive. We estimate about 2,500 gallons of water was used. The pressures were sufficient and the storage at the Water Tank was restored within a couple of days.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council of a recent lightning strike that caused damage to the Township's phone system. Although the system is outdated, a company was located to service the system and make repairs.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow presented the Yovich minor subdivision, the Porto minor subdivision, the Yovich subdivision and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the Yovich subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the Porto as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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**ENGINEER'S REPORT** Engineer Halmi updated Council on the recent bid openings for the Route 99 Sewer Project. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Patterson, to direct the Manager to execute the bid form and Contract #1 bid for the sewer line construction from Klingensmith Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$568,586.00 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Patterson, to direct the Manager to execute the bid form and Contract #2 bid for 30 grinder pumps from Trumbold Equipment Company in the amount of \$112,260.00 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the May 24, 2014 Meeting.

**ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM.** Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Meeting.

**VETERANS PARK COMM.** No meeting.

**EMA** Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the May 2, 2014 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**2014 BUDGET UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented the updated 2014 Budget for Council's review. No action required.

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK** Manager Anthony presented the final draft of the amended Employee Handbook for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve the Handbook as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PLANNING COMM. POSITION** Manager Anthony presented two names for the vacant Planning Commission seat. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, wait until the Planning Commission has time to reorganize and appoint a new Chair before appointing a new member to the vacant seat that expires April 1, 2016. Former Planning Commission Chair Mike Dudenhoefer ask Council to explain their thought process for such a decision. **Voting in favor** were Pernisek, Feikles, Glass, and Campbell. **Voting opposed** was Patterson, stating this decision was 'stonewalling'. **Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**ROUTE 99 SEWER EXT. POLICY** Manager Anthony presented a draft of the Route 99 Sewer Extension Policy for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve said policy and send it out to those residents that are required to connect to the new sewer line. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Colin Wylie asked if the Route 99 Sewer Project would increase the current sewer users' fees. Council stated that the project was separate and would not increase the current users' fees.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:07 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**