

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on June 4, 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 Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Dennis Porto, Shane Bennett, Shannon Hokay, Samuel Kim, Linda King, Amt Eisert, Steve Kopac, Rick Scaletta, Jim Bucksbee, Kelly Gheres, Jack Crow, Michael Bond, Carrie Crow, Linda Smith, Bill Sellers, Brian Nageotte, Don Clawson, Joyce Szymanski, Holly Kally, Christina Martin, Dr. Bunny Bucho, Sarah Bookhamer, Colin Wylie, Henry Cole, Michael Kern, Kathleen Orr, Bob Orr, Renee Thayer-Allison, and Jim Kirk.

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 May 22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #14707-14739 and manual checks #14605 and 14702, 14654-14655, Water Fund #5175-5184, Sewer Fund #6507-6520, State checks #2031-2032, Developer's checks #1041-1042, and payroll checks #10005 (Water), 10009 (Sewer), #15084-15095. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve the checks as presented. Voting in favor were Patterson, Pernisek, Glass and Campbell. Abstaining was Feikles. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew will be working to replace to large drainage pipes in the next couple of weeks. The first is very deep and located on Fox Hollow Drive. We will need to hire an excavator to remove it. The job will be made somewhat more difficult due to a high voltage electric line in close proximity. All safety precaution will be taken to insure the safe removal and replacement of the pipe. This road has no other outlet, so timing to get the old pipe out replaced is crucial to allow emergency services access if needed. We will coordinate with the residents of this road when the process begins. Another is a 40' steel squash style pipe to be replaced on Arneman Road. Not deep, but it will be done in one continuous section. We have a number of other pipes to be replaced and will focus on those roads that are identified in the 2013 road improvements list provided earlier to Council.

The Sewer Department battled a couple weeklong processes of gaining back the bacteria needed for proper functioning of the digesters at the General McLane School Districts treatment plant. A combination of over use of chlorine-injected water and a spike in the chlorine levels in the water system contributed to the problem. We made corrections and introduced additional seed sludge in order balance out the problem. Future watering to reduce foaming will be closely monitored. Changes in treatment plants must be done slowly and shocks to the system only exacerbate the problem.

The weather continues to plague the tank monitoring system at the water tank. The telephone lines are used to transmit from the tank to the water plant, but abrupt fluctuation causes misreading and call-outs to the operator to insure proper levels are maintained for service and emergency needs.

Manager Anthony verbally added the cross pipe on Fox Hollow Road will be excavated tomorrow with the help of an excavator due to the depth of said pipe.

Manager Anthony commended the Road Crew for their swift response to the tornado storm clean-up.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A response letter from the Borough of Edinboro to the Township's letter requesting a joint meeting of the respective Planning Commissions to address the Wesbury development's multiple issues that cross municipal lines. No action was taken.

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

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Meeting. The Planning Commission's recommendation for density levels request will be discussed at a Council Workshop on 26, 2013.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the May 22, 2013 Meeting, informing Council the special exception request by the YMCA for outdoor soccer fields was approved contingent upon 2 conditions that a safety barrier be installed along YMCA Drive and around the stormwater pond.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the May 16, 2013 Meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the May 9, 2013 Meeting.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the April 9, 2013 Meeting. Dr. Bunny Bucho, Chair of the Committee announced the upcoming Flag Day Ceremony and dedication of the new flag poles installed by Eagle Scout Blake Schweigert.

EMA Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the May 3, 2013 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

CDBG UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a memo from the CDBG Office concerning Council's decision to opt out of the FFY 2013-2015 funding years for the CDBG Program. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to direct Manager Anthony to send a letter to the DCED stating Council's opt-out decision. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS None.

VISITORS Don Clawson, representing Wesbury Senior Living Development, addressed Council with a sketch plan, updated from the sketch plan that was presented to the Washington Township Planning Commission. Clawson informed Council the proposed 47 single-family and 1 multi-family unit on a parcel that crosses municipal lines in Phase I. Phase II of the development will all be located in Washington Township consisting of 9 lots for condominiums. Manager Anthony asked if Wesbury intended to proceed with Phase II, with Clawson stating yes. Brian Nageotte, representing Wesbury, stated Wesbury has no plans at this time to proceed with Phase II and the stormwater and wetlands requirements have not been met. The single-family homes will range in price from \$175,000 to \$250,000; no cost was mentioned on the multi-family unit but Clawson stated the costs per developing the lots may increase the final cost of the homes. Clawson stated the development would only proceed if Washington Township would allow the development to be serviced by Edinboro Borough water and sewer service, as the costs for water and sewer service from both municipalities would be too costly. Wesbury Engineer Steve Kopac stated the 2005 50,000 Gallon EDU Agreement with the property owner, Orr, states that sewer service be provided by Edinboro Borough as per the said agreement. Manager Anthony stated the 50,000 Gallon Agreement is a mute point since the Township installed a sewer main across the Orr property since said agreement. Manager Anthony asked for the proposed cost estimates, but Kopac did not have them available. Manager Anthony requested those proposed cost estimates be sent to him. Dr. Bunny Bucho, Chair of the Washington Township Planning Commission, informed the audience of the Township's procedures and requirements a developer

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must follow according to the state Municipal Planning Code, to proceed with development. Mr. Clawson has not followed said procedures to date. Clawson stated the Borough of Edinboro sent a draft Joint Water Agreement to Washington Township 2 years ago for consideration and Washington Township Council made no response the request. Manager Anthony stated this was an inaccurate statement as Washington Township Council rejected said agreement. The following individuals, representing themselves, asked Council to facilitate the said development serviced by Edinboro Borough sewer and water service: Carrie Crow, Renee Thayer-Allison, Colin Wylie, Rick Scaletta, Jim Kirk, Jim Bucksbee, Linda King, and Bill Sellers, and Sarah Bookhamer. Washington Township Council informed the audience of their proposed option to form a joint water and sewer authority with the Borough of Edinboro to allow for the Wesbury and future developments within the municipalities, and suggested the audience also attend a Borough Council Meeting and express their opinions to the Borough Council. Clawson and Carrie Crow both stated that Borough Manager T.J. Jemetz informed them personally that the Borough also wants a joint water and sewer authority. Manager Anthony informed the audience of the difference between a water agreement and a joint authority. No action was taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:58 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.