

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 5, 2012

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on June 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Glass, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were David Orlop, Tom Gribbin, Greg Lucas, Ray Gourley, and Earl Koon.

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

APPROVAL **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2012 bi-monthly Council Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #14107-14152, Water Fund #5048-5058, Sewer Fund #6302-6311, and payroll checks #10000066, #995999-996010. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the payable checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the payroll checks as presented. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Patterson, Campbell and Pernisek. **Abstaining** was Feikles because his son is a part-time summer employee of Washington Township. **Motion carried.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Springtime road maintenance has been completed. We are now preparing the roads that are scheduled for repairs this year. After the award of the seal coating bid we will coordinate our efforts with the successful bidder to minimize the time that a reclaimed road remains incomplete. The roads that we plan to use the ZIPPER on will be completed last. We learned that getting them reclaimed to soon just allows for the remaining material shift and become rough. We will try to have the roads ready just prior to the double seal coat in order to avoid this situation. We are continually learning how to adapt this piece of equipment to best serve our needs. We will be oiling roads in June and replacing sluice pipes on roads that will be treated. We have attempted a new tactic to reduce flooding from beavers on McLaughlin Road. A "T" connection pipe was installed vertically with wire mess on the ends to thwart their attempts to dam up the cross pipes. The farmer on Conneauttee Road that confronted Council last year concerning drainage and mud on the road, received a two-day project that ditched the area, installed drainage pipe and created a graveled landing area. Initially the owner was unhappy with the process but I believe that it will vastly improve the road conditions at this location and satisfy not only the farmer but the residents that complained about the poor condition he would leave the road.

The roadside mower has made one complete round on all Township roads. We plan on installing the boom mower later this year in order to reach farther back in on the roads. In most places we can make two passes, but the boom mower can trim more, although at a much slower pace.

The Parks Department has done an excellent job of preparing our various recreational areas for the Memorial Day holiday. It did require overtime to get things back into shape, but the results were outstanding and the crew is deserving of our appreciation. I suggest that Council visit our parks and witness firsthand the beauty that of each. The improvement of our park system has grown considerably in the last 14 years. The new sign for "Let's Move Outside" has been installed at Wainer Park.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented one correspondence: A request from Beth McLaughlin to hold a Read and Run Program at Peninsula Park on Fridays from 1 to 3 P.M., an Edinboro University Homecoming Parade notification.

The Read and Run Program request requires the loop at Peninsula Park be closed to vehicle traffic, but allowing pedestrian traffic access into the loop area. A **motion was made** by Campbell to approve said program. A discussion ensued concerning the Township's liability issue for this program and Solicitor Burroughs was questioned if a waiver is needed to be signed by Ms. McLaughlin for said program. Campbell **amended her motion**, seconded by Glass, to include the signing of a waiver prior to the start of the program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Kline minor subdivision #5-12, the Gourley minor subdivision #6-12, and presented the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Kline subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Gourley subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the May 22, 2012 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the April 26, 2012 Meeting. A discussion ensued concerning a joint trash hauling bid proposed by ECATO. Council questioned if such a bid would create a savings for the Township residents and how recycling would be handled. Council would need information to consider this proposal.

WATER AUTHORITY No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilwoman Campbell did not attend; Minutes were not available.

VETS PARK Vice-Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the May 8, 2012 Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the May 4, 2012 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BID OPENINGS Manager Anthony presented the following bids received for road materials:

ROADS PROJECTS	111,556 sq. yds. Single seal-coat:	Russell Std.	Suit Kote
		\$1.222	\$1.189
	29,045 sq. yds. Double seal-coat:	Russell Std.	Suit Kote
		\$2.76	\$2.799

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the seal-coat bids from Suit Kote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PROPOSED PROPERTY SALE Manager Anthony brought back to Council information concerning the value of a Township-owned parcel #45-30-49-9, located on Kinter Hill Road. The property has recently been re-assessed at \$20,500.00. The parcel is located in the floodplain, but is a buildable lot. After a lengthy discussion with the Solicitor, Council decided to not offer for sale the said parcel at this time.

CDBG UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a letter from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development stating the Close-out of the FFY 2009 CDBG Program has been completed and the funds recaptured by DCED.

NEW BUSINESS

2013-2014 MGR'S CONTRACT Manager Anthony informed Council that his contract would expire December 31, 2012. Mayor Feikles will appoint two Council members to negotiate with the Manager for the upcoming contract.

VISITORS David Orlop apologized to the Township Manager concerning a recent disagreement over the maintenance of Conneauttee Road. A discussion ensued about future maintenance of said road.

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Greg Lucas, candidate for the 5th District of the House of Representatives, introduced himself to Council. Raymond Gourley asked if the berms on Decker Drive could be cut back, due to a build-up of anti-skid. Manager Anthony informed Mr. Gourley that this maintenance project was being considered.

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