

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 1, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on July 1, 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 Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, Abbey Hudson, Erin Gray, Marge Gigliotti, John Allen, Stephen O'Neill, and John Gersims.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Agenda as presented.  
**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of June 17, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15347-15390, Water Fund #5323-5335, Sewer Fund #6746-6757, State check #2050, State check #2051 and payroll checks #10016 (Water), 10029 (Sewer), and #15336-15347. 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:

As previously reported we have several roads with significant damage occur due to the deep freeze thaw cycle this past winter. Although we are more fortunate than some of the neighboring municipalities as we have not had to close any roads to vehicular traffic. Florek Road north of Capp has several large spongy areas as does Laycock Road just before Old Rt 86. The Road Crew has been working diligently on digging out and repairing numerous spots throughout the Township. The previously mentioned roads will need more intensive repairs. We are formulating the upcoming summer road upgrade suggestions for Council but it is still too early to make a definite determination as to where is the best place to focus our attention. It will be a little later than usual, but we should be able to make recommendation to Council by the June meeting, thus allowing for proper advertising and bid awards for the summer program.

The Sewer Department continues its aggressive search and destroy of inflow and infiltration. Each little repair or correction adds to the ongoing battle of removing this problem that has plagued our system. Although it is nearly impossible to accurately determine the amount reduced, we are confident that we are making strides towards long term reduction. Of course major projects like the pipe relining we did a couple of years ago helps tremendously, but that cost is something the Sewer budget just can't handle at this time. The Sewer Department takes every opportunity to find as many small repairable sources of I&I as possible.

The Water Department hydrant flushing has been completed and no major concerns have been noted. The system continues to operate very efficiently. Minor problems did occur within the plant that resulted in some flooding of the floor area. This was corrected immediately with no damage to report. A plastic valve failed during the early morning hours and our alert system worked properly, insuring a quick response by the operator.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council that graveling on Wetsell Ridge Road has not been completed due to rainy weather; the gravel is stockpiled and will be spread as soon as the weather permits.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Karrie Shields requesting a refund of the pavilion rental fee she paid for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Heavy rains flooded the pavilion during her event. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the refund as presented. Voting in favor were Glass, Paterson and Feikles. Voting opposed were Campbell and Pernisek. Motion carried.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow presented the Tractor Supply final plan and subdivision, a Wesbury modification request, the Schneider minor subdivision, and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the Free-Gigliotti subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the Tractor Supply final plan, contingent upon receipt of the PennDOT HOP and stormwater approval. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the Schneider

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subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SOLICITOR/** Manager Anthony informed Council of the termination of the Water Authority is completed. The **ENGINEER'S REPORT** Solicitor will re-assign the properties and will bring a resolution to Council for the creation of the Water and Sewer Authority.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the June 24, 2014 Meeting. A discussion ensued concerning the vacant position on the Planning Commission. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to appoint Sean Kineston to the vacant position that expires April 1, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Manager Anthony previously presented an option for Council that would change the Planning Commission to a Planning Committee, composed of two Mayor-appointed Council members to review all future plans and the Committee would make recommendations to Council for approval of all plans brought to Council. Patterson suggested the option should be on the next agenda for discussion; Pernisek opposed any further discussion. No action was taken.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the May 22, 2014 Meeting.

**ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM.** Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the June 12, 2014 Meeting.

**VETERANS PARK COMM.** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Meeting.

**EMA** Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the June 6, 2014 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**COND. USE REQUEST** Zoning Officer Willow presented a request from Donald McCaslin for a proposed tractor trailer storage unit at 12110 Edinboro Road for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Glass, advertise for public hearing the said request on August 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**VISITORS** John Allen, as a member of the Planning Commission, spoke in favor of retaining the current Planning Commission. John Gersims thanked Council for their certificate of appreciation for maintaining the island grounds at the Edinboro Road/ Old Route 99 intersection.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**