

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 2, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on July 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Patterson, Councilmen Pernisek, Feikles and Glass. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Alex Topor, Kathy Pernisek, Jeanette Schnars, Jerry Covert, and Pat Davis.

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

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of June 18, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18439-18486 and manual check #18438, Water Fund #6019-6030, Sewer Fund #7806-7820, State Fund #2126, Developer's Fund #1100, and payroll checks #16483-16494, (Water) 10072 and (Sewer) 10167. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Although the unusually wet weather has hampered our intended progress in preparation of the major seal coat project, we have managed to take advantage of the few nicer days and made some good strides. We still have several pipes that need replaced and have to have drier weather in order to install them due to major flow during rain events. All of the stone has been hauled received for the chipping and we are hoping for late July or early August application. Our attentions will turn towards the placement of millings on Henneous Road. After careful review, we determined that the millings we purchased from a local paving contractor were less expensive than the other options. We still hope to obtain some from Millcreek Township as we have done in the past. These will be earmarked for Smedley Rd and Inspiration Park.

We met with Engineer Mark Corey concerning the construction of an antiskid storage building. He did the design work for the similar structure at McKean Township and can modify those plans to fit our needs. We are waiting on a quote for his work before approaching Council with this consideration for the future.

We are pleased to report that since the aggressive collection of past due sewer and water fees in January of 2018, for the month of June we did not have to send out even one reminder notice. Everyone has at least made an effort to pay something. Now we still have tens of thousands of dollars outstanding, but per in-house policy we only send notices to those that show no effort of paying and have gone over \$300 in past due fees.

We had to file four civil actions against residents that refused to pay their annual street light assessment. This action will cost them an additional \$98 or more for court costs. Every attempt was made to notify them in a timely manner and let them know that this action would be taken. It is disappointing that each year we have to take these measures in order to obtain 100% collection. We do not make in money on these fees, it is based on actual cost as best as we can budget. The fees do not take into consideration our time and effort in collecting them.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Erie County Department of Public Safety concerning the decline of first responders. No action required.

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

**SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting.

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**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Mayor Campbell presented the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting.

**EMA** No meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**EDINBORO LAKE** Jeanette Schnars, of the Regional Science Consortium, addressed Council on recent findings **WATER QUALITY** of algae blooms in Edinboro Lake that may cause health risks to humans and animals. Jerry **CONCERNS** Covert also addressed Council on samples he gathered for testing concerning the bloom.

**It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve testing over the next three months at a cost of \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 of Edinboro Lake locations in Washington Township for the public's safety.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING** The public hearing scheduled today at 4:30 P.M. for a modification request from Sunset Grill **CANCELLED** has been cancelled as per the owner's request.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting 7:58 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**