

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on July 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

ORDER at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Glass. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were John Huff, Christine Simonian, Ed Abdallah, and Nathan Latimer.

AGENDA **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve the Agenda with the addition of **APPROVAL** 10F, the EMA Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of June 21, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16630-16674 and manual checks #16570, 16628-16629, Water Fund #5605-5614 and manual check #5556, Sewer Fund #7137-7148, State Fund #2080, Developer's Fund #1080, payroll checks #15790-15801, #10037 (Water), and (Sewer) 10092-10093. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

I am pleased to report that our clean-up efforts at the former dump site on Rice Road have been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. We have not yet heard back from the Water Ways division to see if there are any further concerns from their prospective, but we know that they visited site and have yet to request anything from us. We don't anticipate any problems, but will report back if we do get any further information.

The Road Crew is hauling asphalt millings for Millcreek Township and we will be stock piling our share to be used on several roads in our Township. We have obtained the used paver and plan on practicing with the placement of the millings to familiarize ourselves with the operation before attempting hot mix asphalt in the future. The 2016 paving project is tentatively scheduled for the end of July and seal coating to commence in mid-August.

The process of converting all the streetlights over to LED has become somewhat convoluted. Originally, the program was hailed a huge cost saving project that would save energy. The reality is that none of the lights on Skyview Drive are eligible due to being converted to a sodium style a few years back. Those changed out less than ten years ago must pay a fee for the process. The fee for the lights on Skyview would have been more than two thousand dollars alone. The remaining lights will see a slight decrease in cost, but nowhere near the amount originally promoted when first brought to our attention by the DEP. It seems that tariffs have driven the cost up and Penelec is capitalizing on the opportunity. Unfortunately, we previously notified customers of a significant decrease in cost to due to our efforts to change over as recommended by DEP, now we find that the savings will not be as endorsed. Those lights eligible will be changed over this summer and next year's billing will reflect those changes.

A power brown out and subsequent total power loss caused damage to the I-79 lift station electronic control system. Repairs are in progress and we may submit a claim to our insurance carrier once a total assessment and verification have been determined.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter pertaining to playground signage about smoking, a letter from Carol Klonicki concerning Whispering Trees Manor, and a picnic notice from Erie County Association of Boroughs. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Pernisek, to approve posting signs at the two Township parks with playground equipment. A discussion ensued. **Voting in favor** were Pernisek and Glass. **Voting opposed** were Feikles, Campbell and Patterson. **Motion failed.**

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Campbell did not attend the last meeting, no report.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Meeting cancelled.

VERTERAN PARK COMM. Minutes were unavailable.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the June 10, 2016 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

O'REILLY STORE Manager Anthony presented O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store located on Route 6N, photos of the **WATER LINE** water line that was installed without any inspections by Township employees or engineer, and the Township's water line was encased in concrete. Engineer Halmi sent a letter to the contractor concerning the re-routing of the water line contingent upon conditions listed in his reply letter. O'Reilly's will re-route said water line with inspections by Engineer Halmi and Township employees.

McCASLIN COND. Manager Anthony presented a conditional use request for Don McCaslin for ground storage **USE REQUEST** unit to be located on parcel #7-12-11.01 on Edinboro Road. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to set a public hearing on August 16, 2016 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Ed Abdallah, owner of Whispering Trees Manor, addressed Council concerning his recent violation of the conditional use as set by Council at the November 17, 2016 public hearing. Mr. Abdallah apologized to Council for violating said conditions on the weekend of June 23, 2016. Mr. Abdallah was under contract for a wedding at said location and chose to hold the event, knowing he would be in violation with the Township.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**