

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 7, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on July 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella, and Solicitor Paul Burroughs. Visitors were Jim Vanstone, Norbert Dennis, Harry Glunt, Walter Dickson, Ray Gleser, Roger and Sandy Reinnagel, Richard and Jean Davis, Steve O'Neill, Will Smith and Amber Wellington.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to amend the Agenda with the move-up of 11C, proposed Ordinance #3-09, and to move 9A, Executive Session after Visitors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of June 16, 2009. **Abstaining** was Mayor Glass because he did not attend this meeting. **Motion carried. It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 16, 2009. **Abstaining** was Mayor Glass because he did not attend this meeting. **Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12326-12378, Water Fund checks #4587-4604 and manual check #4000, Sewer Fund #5617-5638 and manual check #4701, State checks #2008-2009, CDBG checks #554-555 and payroll checks #1000029, 10000129-10000130, #995416-995427. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

A special thanks to the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department for their help in flushing the grit and dirt off various Township maintained bridges. It gives the Department a chance to practice and we benefit from clean a bridge, which extends their usefulness. I have commented on Erie County's twelve-year transportation plan. The primary focus of course, is the 6N corridor study and the eventual implementation of that plan. This is another step in getting to completion. The process is long, but we are following all of the correct steps in order to achieve that goal. This may allow the plan to be at least included for future consideration.

The Road Crew completed the replacement of the large culvert pipe on Henneous Road. Due to the size of this pipe and its location we had to bring in an excavator to tackle the job. Our crews then installed the replacement pipe and backfilled. Large concrete blocks were installed as headwalls for further stabilization of the site. The Road was only closed one day for project. Final clean up and reclamation will occur as weather permits.

The Sewer Department has finished up an extensive cleaning of the east tank at the plant. This labor-intensive process took quite a long time to finish. It required the draining of the tank, shoveling the grit on the bottom into five-gallon buckets and then pulling them up with a rope to be dumped into a pile for disposal. The West tank will receive the same process in the near future so that it too is prepared for the eventual change over to a lift station.

The Water Department had a major break in the line next to the wellhead. The swedge immediately connected to the wellhead developed a major leak. It required the excavation of the site to a depth of nearly fifteen feet and the use of shoring boxes to maintain safety. We brought in a crew with this type of equipment to quickly make the repairs. Parts for replacement were not readily available, but it has been completed and is now back up and running.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Dennis Porto concerning the dedication status of YMCA Drive, an email from Larry Merritt concerning growth at the 6N/ I-79 interchange, and an email from Janice Kline concerning the stormwater issue on Woodlawn Drive. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to allow Land Ventures (Dennis Porto) to close out the letter of credit for road improvements and future dedication of YMCA Drive. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manager Anthony stated for the record that YMCA not become a dedicated Township road until it is brought up to the ten current specifications and requirements for future dedication.

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Council directed Manager Anthony to respond to the Janice Lee (Kline) email of July 6, 2009. Council did

not feel they treated any visitors with disrespect as stated in Ms. Lee's email, and took exception to said remark since Ms. Kline was not in attendance of the meeting of which she comments.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella presented minor and re-plotted subdivision #2-09, Tallman, and presented the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to approve the Tallman subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the June 23, 2009 Meeting and handed out information to Council members concerning a possible ordinance for wind turbines within Washington Township. Councilman Patterson pressed the issue of setbacks and how the Planning Commission handled the request to review said setbacks.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Mayor Glass presented the amended Minutes of the May 19, 2009 Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Meeting and a notice of the upcoming ECATO Picnic. Councilwoman Campbell will attend the picnic.

**EDINBORO VFD** Vice-Mayor Foulkrod gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

**WATER AUTHORITY** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of June 18, 2009.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Stefano did not attend the last Meeting.

**EDINBORO LIAISON** No Meeting.

**WATERSHED ASSOC.** No report.

**VETS PARK** Manager Anthony updated Council on the installation of the representative brass plaques for the military branches.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**EMC POSITION** Council discussed filling the position of Township Emergency Management Coordinator. **It was voted** on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to direct Manager Anthony to contact other local municipalities for a possible collaborative agreement and framework for a paid Emergency Management Coordinator position with the costs of the position to be shared by the inclusive municipalities. **Motion carried unanimously.** Council also directed Manager Anthony to contact Norris Pace, to see if Mr. Pace is still interested in the position as he had expressed previously to Council members. Councilman Stefano stated for the record that Washington Township stands to lose federal funding if a disaster were to occur without an EMC being retained.

**RES. #15-09** **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve Resolution #15-09, **CONNEAUTTEE BRIDGE SUPP.** a supplement signature agreement for the Conneauttee Bridge Project with PennDot. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ORD. #3-09** **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Foulkrod, to approve Ordinance #3-09, **REZONING** rezoning of a portion of parcel #21-45-5, the DEP Presque Isle site as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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**SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE** Manager Anthony presented an email from Penny Allen, mother of Eagle Scout Tyler Allen, updating Council on Tyler's Eagle Scout project completion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. #16-09 It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve Resolution #16-09, **TAX COLL.** Appointing Jon Foulkrod as the primary voting delegate, Frank Stefano as the alternate voting **COMMITTEE** delegate, and Glass as the second alternate voting delegate to serve on the Tax Collecting Committee of Erie County, as mandated by the State of Pennsylvania. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Will Smith and Roger Reinnagel addressed Council on the high sewer rates.

**EXECUTIVE** Council convened in Executive Session at 8:47 P.M. to discuss sewer issues and threatened **SESSION** litigation. Council re-convened in regular session at 9:27 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:28 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

