

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on July 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Steven O'Neill, Leslie Hiltabel, Kathy Pernisek, Jessica Lemmon, John Fetner, Russ Parkin, Abbey Hudson, David Orlop, and Mike Fisher.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda with the move-up of 13A, Visitors, after 6, secretary's Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of June 16, 2015, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the public hearing of June 16, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15965-16024 and manual check #15963-15964, Water Fund #5455-5469 and manual check #5129, Sewer Fund #6934-6948, and payroll checks #15554-15567 (Water) 10025 and (Sewer) 10056-10057. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

We are pleased to report that the Township Garage and Administration building are now on public sewer. Currently we have about 8 dwellings in the process of final connection and hopefully all we meet the penalty deadline of July 15th. I have requested the loan from the General McLane School District be for a fifteen-year term in order to reduce our expenses. I should have a final amortization schedule soon and will alert you as to the quarterly payments that we will need to make from the Sewer Fund. After this month's payment request, we will close out the process of drawdowns from the School District. Four residents took advantage of the offer to finance the installation cost. This added approximately another \$45,000 to loan but remember that amount is added to the resident's regular monthly billing for reimbursement. Basically the project is now coming to a close and we will now be in normal operation. As long as users are diligent in the monthly payments, we should be in good shape to meet our financial obligation to the GMSD.

Stormy weather has once again raised havoc on the telemetry system at the water tank site. Lightning has caused part of the system to short out. The repair was about \$150 this time, but the backup unit was nearly \$500. Unfortunately, at this time a tool to reduce or eliminate surges to this milliamp system does not exist. As technology improves we will watch for an upgrade that may eradicate this problem.

We have not been able to connect the Baron home via the e-one septic system as of yet. Mr. Baron has been difficult to work with due to his employment and time at home. He is well aware of the project, but we are just waiting on a schedule that will allow the completion process in a timely manner. We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully get it completed ASAP. We anticipate the home owned by Mr. Scarlett on Rt 99 to be connected shortly, as designated in our agreement with him for the exchange of the right of way for the main line through his property.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council of the recent culvert repair on Birch Drive which was re-aligned rather than replaced to re-direct the stormwater.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from David Orlop concerning the road conditions on Conneauttee Road, an email concerning the Township's use of the traffic calming device, an invitation to an Eagle Scout Award and a letter from Mike Dudenhoefer concerning the condition of Obed Heights Drive. Councilman Pernisek will attend the Eagle Scout ceremony.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Leone subdivision and the monthly Building Report. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Leone subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ECATO Councilwoman Campbell did not attend but presented the Minutes of the May 28, 2015 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Mayor Glass did not attend but presented the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the June 5, 2015 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PIFER Manager Anthony presented a previous request for a sewer connection and free pump system to the **SEWER** new Route 99 sewer line. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to deny said **REQUEST** said request because the application deadline and installation was June 1, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WALACE DRIVE Manager Anthony presented a letter that Washington Township sent to the Anselmis, owners **HOUSE** of a home located at 5472 Wallace Drive that was heavily damaged by fire in May of 2014. The letter **DEMOLITION** was sent via email and the US postal service on June 29, 2015 and a receipt has been received for said email delivery to notify the Anselmis of the Township's intent to demolish the home no sooner than July 29, 2015, as defined in the Township Code. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to proceed with said demolition and award the bid as quoted by Lewis Start in the amount of \$7,800.00. A discussion ensued and the **motion was amended** by Patterson, second, by Pernisek, to define demolition of basement floor in the demolition description and set a timeframe for completion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINES

CONDITIONAL Manager Anthony presented a conditional use request from Jessica Lemmon for a craft distillery **USE REQUEST** to be located in the Czech Plaza on Edinboro Road. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to set the public hearing for August 4, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Leslie Hiltabel addressed Council with speeding concerns on Louise Avenue. A discussion ensued. Manager Anthony informed Council of the engineering and traffic study costs and presented data from the traffic calming device that recorded the number of cars on Louise Avenue and their speeds for a one-day timeframe that averaged 16 mph. Council proposed a watch children sign would be appropriate and the resident agreed to purchase the first sign and post, after which the Township would be responsible for said signage in the future.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:55 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**