

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on July 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilman Renick, and Councilpersons Laythe and Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Petrosewitz and Mark Eisert.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of June 16, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19016-19059 and manual check #18784 and 19015, Water Fund #6155-6167, Sewer Fund #8020-8035, and State fund check #2131, payroll checks #16721-16735, (Water) 10081 and (Sewer)10192. **It was voted** on motion by Laythe, second by Renick, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew has been busy doing spot paving on roads that have been designated for tar and chip this year. Using our own paver and trucks saves considerably on the overall cost of these improvements. Comments have been very favorable from the public. Once the tar and chip process is completed by Suit-Kote sometime in August, the roads will be excellent condition and have extended life. We hope to routinely do spot paving each year in order to maintain the running surface of our roads.

The work at Inspiration Park continues as time and weather allows. The pavilion unit had the inside ceiling installed along with wind braces. This site should be the first one to be finished with a large grill, fire ring and multiple picnic tables for the public to enjoy. It overlooks the unnamed pond, something Council might consider naming in the future, and provides a beautiful venue for all to enjoy with plenty of parking and handicapped accessible. The remaining four picnic areas will be completed this summer as will the access to the wooded area on the West side of the Park. Thank you once again to Councilman Patterson for all the hard work he has provided by cutting and burning dead and undesirable trees within the park. This has helped open the area up and provide an inviting atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. The future for this park is very bright.

With the implementation of the "green phase" from the pandemic, the parks are now open. We have been advised that social distancing and sanitary practices are still strongly encouraged. Signage has been recommended to encourage this, but we have hesitated to spend that money when the majority of users are quite familiar with those requirements and we have no enforcement mechanism to utilize anyways. It would be difficult to find someone who isn't aware of the dangers from the pandemic.

The Sewer Department has received the new camera and already put it to use in I&I discovery. This will pay for itself in a relatively short period. This piece of equipment will truly help the department reduce the flows and provide an excellent way of discovering those that are violating the rules of the Sewer & Water Authority.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council of an amendment required for Ordinance #4-20, PMRS changes, to be in compliance. **It was voted** on motion by Renick, second by Laythe, to set a public hearing for August 18, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Edinboro LLC final plan and the monthly building report. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve the Edinboro LLC final plan for Dunkin Donuts as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilperson Campbell gave a verbal report of the last meeting and informed Council of an upcoming Erie Regional Forum at the Convention Center on July 29-30, 2020.

EMA Mayor Patterson presented the minutes of the June 5, 2020 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM ORDINANCE It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Laythe, to advertise for public hearing Ordinance #3-20, solar farms, on August 4, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS None.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Laythe, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:34 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.