

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 2, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 2, 2011 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 Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Councilman Stefano was absent. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were Dennis Proto, Gail Stickner, and Chris Roth.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Agenda with the deletion of 10C, Edinboro Liaison. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of July 19, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13633-13668 and manual check #13575, Water Fund #4934-4943 and manual check #4911, Sewer Fund #6120-6138 and manual check #6081, State check #2022, CDBG check #647 and payroll checks #10000055, 10000188, #995842-995853.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the fund checks as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the payroll checks as presented. Voting in favor were Patterson, Campbell, and Glass.

Abstaining was Feikles because his son is a part-time summer employee. Motion carried.

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

We are anxiously awaiting the tar and chip project. It is scheduled to start on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We will touch up the roads that were reclaimed and roll them again. We had anticipated an earlier start to the project and this has caused some discontent with some residents due to the inconvenience of the rough road while waiting for the contractor. It was just all due to a timing of stone hauling that got Russell Standard behind. All should be completed in a week if the weather cooperates with us.

The I & I project is near completion and we are very pleased with the outcome. Due to the reduced cost and the good condition of the laterals, we were able to do two more sections of nearly 350' each. This will only improve the condition of the lines and further reduce the infiltration problem that plagues the system. Although we doubt that we will be able to do a similar project in 2012, it is hoped that in the near future we can put additional money aside to consider such a project in 2013 if at all possible. The end result is a reduced cost for treatment. The lines won't get better and projects like this will make a huge difference. We are anxious to see the flow numbers now that we have completed this long-overdue upgrade.

The flooring of the portable bridge over Whipple Creek was replaced this past week. As reported earlier, the advantage to this inexpensive bridge is that we can perform minor repairs like this relatively easy. Vegetation was removed and repairs to the fencing were done also. We received a couple of telephone calls thanking us for the wise use of Township funds for this bridge. It has worked out very well and will continue to serve the Township for many years to come.

The Water Department completed its bi-annual water tank cleaning in record time this year. Due to improvements made in the past, this once day long operation has been reduced to only a few hours a most. The system's water level was restored quickly and no problems were encountered. The system reports no other major concerns.

The Sewer Department is making some visual improvements to the plant site. We have been so busy with operational aspects, we felt it was time to make some visual ones as well. This will continue as time and weather allows.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council of an issue in the right-of-way located near a Township bridge on Draketown Road. Manager Anthony informed Council he and the Zoning Officer will meet with property owners in the area to correct the problem.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence.

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**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella presented the monthly Building Report and the Blount minor subdivision #4-11. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Blount minor subdivision #4-11 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the July 26, 2011 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the July 19, 2011 Meeting. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to hold Council Workshops in August and September concerning zoning setbacks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilman Stefano was absent; no report.

**WATER AUTHORITY** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the July 21, 2011 Meeting and discussed revisions considered the Water Authority's regulations including back flow preventers inspections.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** The July 14, 2011 Meeting was cancelled. Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> and the June 9, 2011 Meetings.

**WATERSHED ASSOC.** No Meeting.

**VETS PARK** No Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**ORD. #2-11** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to submit the Township's existing **STORMWATER** Stormwater Ordinance to the County for review and will meet the County's mandated ordinance revisions. Voting in favor were Patterson and Glass. Voting against were Feikles and Campbell. **Motion died due to lack of a majority vote.** **A motion** was made by Campbell to direct Engineer Halmi to define the deficiencies in the Township's original stormwater ordinance to ensure the Township will be in compliance with the County's mandates. **Motion was withdrawn.** Council directed Manager Anthony to work with Engineer Halmi on possible deficiencies.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**VISITORS** Gail Stickner addressed Council on issues concerning Fry Road. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to request the Commonwealth of PA to consider taking Fry Road in to their road system in their 12-Year Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:52 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**