

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 2, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. 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 Abbey Hudson, Rodney Clapper, and Eric Karrfalt.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, to approve the Agenda with the move-up of 13A, Visitors, after the Secretary's Report. **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 July 19, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16681-16720 and manual checks #16679-16680, Water Fund #5617-5634, Sewer Fund #7150-7165, State Fund #2081-2084, Developer's Fund #1081-1082, payroll checks #15810-15821, #10038 (Water), and (Sewer) 10095-10097. **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:

The Township has a long-range plan that we periodically review and update. In that plan, which has been in place for more 30 years, the goal of paving all the remaining gravel roads remained a priority. After we apply the asphalt millings to some minor roads, we will have less than a half a mile remaining that is solely within the Township's borders. The seal coating project will commence in August and that will finalize our road improvements for 2016. The crew has been working diligently on the berming of the newly paved roads. We have received several communications thanking the Township for a job well done.

We must reevaluate our maintenance of the Lay Rd culvert pipes, as DEP has determined that our idea to concrete the bottom of the pipes would decrease the capacity of those pipes. Being this area is in a FEMA floodplain, we will need additional permitting to proceed. We are reviewing alternative ideas for the repair rather than full replacement. The cost for full replacement would be in excess of \$100,000, so any opportunity to extend the life of the remaining structure and keep it safe is well worth the effort. We are working with our engineer to determine the best recourse of action.

The transition within the Sewer Department is going well. The new operator will be focusing on data collection and getting the new upgrades to the SCADA system in place. This was in the budget and a necessary upgrade. A pump at the Decker lift station failed and is being replaced. This is a low volume station, so little danger of overflow exists. The DPW coordinator will be overseeing the Sewer Department and I suspect that major changes for the better will take place. We have the utmost confidence in both of these valued employees.

We now will begin our gearing up for the fall season, with investigation into antiskid replenishment and continuing our efforts to remove some of the canopy on certain roads to allow the sunlight to reach the road surface.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

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

**SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the July 19, 2016 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

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

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** Meeting were unavailable. Councilman Pernisek presented a letter concerning the reorganizing of the Commission.

**VERTERAN PARK COMM.** Mayor Feikles did not attend the last meeting but presented the Minutes of the June 12, 2016 Meeting.

**EMA** Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the July 8, 2016 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**ABDALLAH HEARING** Manager Anthony presented a copy of the District Justice's decision concerning the Abdallah conditional use violations; the ruling was in favor of Washington Township.

### NEW BUSINESS

**PAVING VS. GRAVEL** Manager Anthony presented a breakdown of the Township's remaining gravel roads for Council's review. Some listed are shared roads with neighboring municipalities.

**VISITORS** Eric Karrfalt addressed Council concerning the condition of the gravel portion of Fry Road. Fry Road is a shared road with Franklin Township and Franklin Township maintains the gravel portion and Washington Township maintains the paved portion. Mr. Karrfalt asked Council to consider working with Franklin Township to get the remaining gravel portions paved. Council informed Mr. Karrfalt that the Manager is currently in communications with Franklin Township to consider bringing the road up to specifications in order to pave said road in a 3-year plan.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:01 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.