

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 4, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 4, 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, and Zoning Officer Carcella Solicitor. Paul Burroughs was absent. Visitors were Amber Wellington, Korey Kilburn, Gary Eibon, and Chris Lovell.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to amend the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Foulkrod, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of July 21, 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 #12387-12428 and manual check #11459, Water Fund checks #4605-4619, Sewer Fund #5640-5659, State check #2010, Vets Park check #161 and payroll checks #10000030, 10000133-10000134, #995433-995443. 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:

The yearly paving projects are now completed. As always we find that we could have done a number of other areas but money is a constant reminder that we can only do just so much. The tar and chip project will commence shortly and that will be the final portion for this year. I am pleased to report that the grant that was applied for through the Erie County Soil Conservation District to perform full-depth reclamation on McLaughlin Road and a portion of Edinboro Plank Road has been successfully awarded. Due to the environmental sensitivity of these areas, we have been reluctant to perform traditional methods of road work. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Township to improve these roads, maintain a rural look, and at a savings to the residents. This money is part of the stimulus package offered by the federal government.

I met with the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department to discuss their move to the County 911 Center. I explained that Council was supportive of the move from previous conversations at Council meetings. As far as the budget and the money allotted towards the EVFD, I said it cannot be considered until budget time. The concern is that our donation went towards the dispatch cost, now that the County will do that, this donation money will be rerouted towards other costs the fire department will have. County taxes will pay this fee now. I informed the department that Council will review this budgetary portion in the fall.

The yearly tank cleaning of the Water System was performed successfully and with no repercussions. This yearly preventative measure improves our water and allows for a visual inspection of the interior of the storage tank near Wal-Mart.

The heavier than normal rains experienced in July fortunately did not cause the Sewer Plant any problems and were handled appropriately. The second tank has been cleaned and is back in service until the final switch to a permanent lift-station status upon completion of the plant upgrade at the Borough site.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from General McLane School District concerning proposed installation of wind turbines. No action was required.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report, but presented the monthly Building Report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Burroughs was absent.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the July 28, 2009 Meeting. Council discussed the Planning Commission's recommendations for setbacks. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation for the proposed Ordinance 32-09 of 20'

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setback from the road centerline plus 20'. Voting in favor were Glass, Stefano, and Campbell. Voting

opposed were Patterson and Foulkrod. **Motion carried.** A discussion ensued concerning the reduction of the rear-yard setback of 35' to 20' in the sewer and water districts only. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, leave the rear-yard setback at the current 35'. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Stefano, and Campbell. Voting opposed were Patterson and Foulkrod. **Motion carried.**

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the July 21, 2009 Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Minutes unavailable. Councilperson Campbell attended the ECATO picnic and Informed Council on the discussions of proposed resolution for the continuance of state revenue sharing. **A motion** by Campbell was made to bring back this proposed resolution for consideration. After a discussion, **the motion was withdrawn.** **A motion** by Foulkrod was made to table the resolution. After a discussion, **the motion was withdrawn.**

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

**WATER AUTHORITY** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of July 16, 2009. Costs were discussed concerning the proposed extension of Washington Township water lines west of I-79.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** No Meeting.

**EDINBORO LIAISON** No Meeting.

**WATERSHED ASSOC.** No Meeting.

**VETS PARK** Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meetings.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 8:26 to discuss the Manager's contract. Council re-convened in regular session at 8:38 P.M. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Manager's 3-year contract as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**AUCTION ITEMS** The following items were offered via electronic bid and advertised in the Times News:

**AWARDS** HTC bermer #932232156; brush hog #932229742; boom ditcher #932232761; tar buggy #932230118; and 2001 GMC 1-ton with plow and spreader #932228532. No bids were received for the ditcher or the bermer.

The winning bidder for the 2001 GMC was Jerry Schaffer in the amount of \$7,300.00. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to accept the bid for the 2001 GMC as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** The winning bidder for the brush hog was Thomas Swan in the amount of \$300.00. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to accept the bid for the brush hog as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** Thomas Swan is an employee of Washington Township, but purchased the brush hog through the municipal bid program. The winning bidder for the tar buggy was Matthew Stuart in the amount of \$500.00. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to accept the bid for the tar buggy as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COAXIAL CABLE FRANCHISE AGREE.** **It was voted** on motion by Foulkrod, seconded by Campbell, to accept the Coaxial Franchise Agreement pending minor corrections in the final draft. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINES** None.

**VISITORS** Korey Kilburn addressed Council with questions and concerns relating to the Perry Lane Bridge project.

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**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:39 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**



