

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 5, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Pernisek, Glass, and Patterson. Councilmen Feikles was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Don McCaslin, Steve Kopac, John Allen, Don Clawson, Mike Dudenhofer, Abbey Hudson, and Sean Kineston.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the agenda, with the Executive Session being moved to the end of the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of July 15, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15399-15443 and manual check #15342, Water Fund #5336-5348, Sewer Fund #6760-6770, State checks #2052-2054, Developer's check #1066, and payroll checks #10017 (Water), 10031 (Sewer), and #15356-15366. **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew has been working patching potholes for Suit Kote to seal-coat the Lakeside area and grading and graveling Wetsell Ridge and applied MC-70 for dust control. All anti-skid is hauled in for winter. Berm mowing continues as manpower is available. With the departure of Frank Malena, the crew has been short one man. Manager Anthony interviewed several applicants and after review, he contacted Ted Kelly of Cambridge Springs to offer him the position, pending Council's approval, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, with a six-month probationary period as per the Personnel Policy.

With the large influx of visitors to the Township parks, we have had a few complaints ranging from rented pavilions occupied by others than the renter, camping issues and increased use of the port-a-potties. The port-a-potties have required extra servicing from Powell's. A twice-a-week servicing increases by \$25.00 per unit per week. The extra servicing will stop after Labor Day when park usage decreases. I contacted Sergeant Dinger of the PA State Police and requested a patrol check the parks in the morning hours also. He suggested we consider camping via permit only. Camping could be at no cost, but all campers must be registered with the Township so we have an idea who is using the parks. We also had a second wedding at the Veterans Memorial Park gazebo on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

The Water Department reports a landscaper opened a hydrant. This is a serious violation that will be investigated. Letters were sent out a month ago reminding businesses of the backflow prevention valves that need yearly inspections as per the Water Authority regulations. We have several that have complied to date, and the Water Plant Operator will remind others about compliance.

The Sewer Department reported a lateral stub located on Lullabye Lane was hit by a drill rig. The lines were marked out by PA One Call, but this is an old lateral connection not on any of our maps. The repair was completed with a new plug and took the crew approximately 20 minutes to repair.

The heavy rains caused flooding in low-lying areas of the Township. Crews were diligent in opening waterways to keep Township roads from being damaged.

It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the hiring of Ted Kelly as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions, but presented the monthly Building Report and a copy of the letter sent to residents notifying them of the proposed multiple zoning changes.

SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the July 22, 2014 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the July 15, 2014 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the June 26, 2014 Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the June 12, 2014 Meeting.

VETERANS PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Meeting. A letter from Erie County Department of Public Safety was also presented concerning the proposed option that all storm sirens in Erie County be converted to disaster sirens, under the Erie County Public Safety's control, for compliance with FEMA regulations. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

McCASLIN A conditional use request from Don McCaslin for a ground storage unit at 12110 Edinboro Road was **COND. USE** tabled until the next meeting because Mr. McCaslin does not own the property. Council requested a conformation from the landowner that approves of said conditional use request, and the public hearing will continue at the next Council meeting scheduled for August 19, 2014.

PARKS/ CAMPING ISSUES Manager Anthony informed Council of recent issues in Township parks. A discussion ensued about concerns and ideas to prevent future issues. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to prohibit camping at Peninsula Park for the remainder of this year. **Motion carried unanimously.** Council will re-address the issue next Spring.

WESBURY UPDATE Don Clawson, representing the proposed Wesbury development, addressed Council requesting a conditional final approval of the development plans. Council discussed a list of twelve outstanding issues to be addressed for final approval. Council agreed that more issues from the list need resolved prior to Council's vote for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

SEALCOAT EXTENSION Manager Anthony presented an email from Suit-Kote Corp. requesting an extension of time for seal-coating Township roads and waiving liquidated damages. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve said extension request. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EXEC. SESSION Council entered in to Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss possible litigation concerning a recent Zoning Hearing Board decision. Council re-convened at 7:58 P.M.

MANAGER'S CONTRACT Mayor Campbell appointed Patterson and Pernisek to a committee to negotiate with a new contract with Manager Anthony and report back to all of Council.

COUNTY COMP PLAN Council reviewed a letter from Erie County concerning the updating of the Erie County Comprehensive Plan, including definitions that will be used. No action required.

CDBG UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a notification from DCED pertaining to the CDBG Program, stating that the program would be moved to the County level rather than through local municipalities.

VISITORS Mike Dudenhoefer, a resident that requested a position on the Planning Commission, addressed Council requesting comments as to why he was not appointed the the Planning Commission as he was a former member of said commission.

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ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:03 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.