

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Glass, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Engineer Halmi, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Dennis Porto, Diane DiCarlo, Kathy Pernisek, Paul Ditmore, Merrill Smith, Carrie Crow, Rick Scaletta, Bunny Bucho, Sara Strand, Stephen Allen, Colin Wylie, and Chris Roth.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of July 16, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund 14789-14827 and manual checks #147740-14741, Water Fund #5197-5206, Sewer Fund #6541-6561, State checks #2035-2039, Developer's check #1043-1044, and payroll checks #10007 (Water), #15134-15144. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve the payable checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Pernisek, to approve the payroll checks as presented. Voting in favor were Patterson, Pernisek, Glass and Campbell. Abstaining was Feikles because his son is employed by the Township. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The history of rainfall totals for this summer shows approximately 6 inches above normal. The overtime, material costs and equipment use has increased concurrently. We have been regularly plagued with areas washed out due to heavy local rainfall. Even with this additional burden we have managed to get the 2013 road projects completed on schedule. We are pleased to report that the major gravel project for Wetsell Ridge Road has started and should be done in a short period of time. Our goal is to reestablish the base and thus allow for a better surface treatment in the future. We anticipate completing the Lewis Road culvert improvement with the assistance of Showman Excavating sometime in August if the weather allows for it. It is imperative that we accomplish this project during low water flow, as we are placing stabilization on the streambed along with an extension of the existing culvert pipe. Showman is providing the stabilization material and an excavator to assist in completing the project.

The Sewer Department is now preparing to reinstall the pumps that had to be rebuilt for the Woods lift station and at the Angling Road main station. In addition, they are preparing for the pipe relocation due to the Route 6N widening project implemented by PennDot. Coordination of these activities is crucial to maintaining services during the operation. The roof of the main building on Angling Road Plant was coated with a rubberized material to reduce the significant amount of leakage that occurred regularly. It appears that the product was successful in sealing those leaks. We will be looking at doing a similar treatment at the Kline Road Plant. The project was completed in-house and at a considerable savings in comparison to the commercially applied options.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: An email from Craig Welker concerning future paving of Florek Road; a letter concerning Destination Erie; and a letter from Western PA Conservancy concerning invasive species. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions but presented the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the July 23, 2013 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report of the ECATO Picnic of July 24, 2013.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the June 13, 2013 Meeting.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the June 14th and the July 12, 2013 Meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED WARNING SIREN UPDATE Manager Anthony presented an email with information concerning a proposed tornado warning siren that could be located on the Township's water tower for alerting the community in case of tornado activity. No action taken.

ORD. #2-13 CODE AMENDMENTS It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Campbell, to table the Code amendments and discuss the issue at the next Council Workshop.. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ZONING OFFICER PROBATION COMP. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to appoint Zoning Officer Willow to full status at a salary rate of \$45,000.00 per year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WESBURY WATER UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a map of the proposed water line extension that would service the Wesbury development. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to extend an offer to the Wesbury development that Washington Township could install the water line extension at a Construction cost estimate of \$140,000, or \$125,000.00 for a the developer's construction cost. After a discussion, the motion was amended by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to include a four (4) month timeframe from today on said offer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

ELWA SUPPORT LETTER Manager Anthony presented a draft support letter to the Edinboro Lake Watershed Association. The ELWA is applying to the DEP grant for a stormwater best management practices demonstration. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Pernisek, to approve said letter for the ELWA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TAX COLL. REQUEST Manager Anthony presented a request from Laurie Showman, the Township Tax Collector, for 1/3 of the costs in the amount of \$158.00 to attend a Tax Collection Seminar on October 18-19, 2013. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve said request as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Steven Allen addressed Council on Eagle Scout projects within Washington Township and the need for Washington Township to maintain the Scouts' projects.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:05 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

