

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 1, 2015 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, and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Steven O'Neill, Abbey Hudson, Kathy Pernisek, Stephen O'Neill, and Isaac Hartman.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda with the removal of 13, Visitor Paula Campbell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of August 18, 2015, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16091-16137 and manual check #16089, Water Fund #5485-5497, Sewer Fund #6966-6982 and manual check #6965, State Fund check #2067, and payroll checks #15596-15606 (Water) 10027 and (Sewer) 10062-10063. **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew is taking advantage of the lift we rented for the siren installation to utilize the piece of equipment for tree trimming on Plank Road. This area is severely overgrown and does not allow enough sunlight onto the roadway. This is an important tool that we use as the sun helps in various ways to keep the road in good condition. Due to the height of the aged trees that line this section of road, it would have been very difficult to achieve any success with our regular equipment. With the lift we were able safely get chain saws into the upper branches for removal and keep the crew safe while doing it. This road will now be better ready for the surface treatment that the Dirt and Gravel Roads grant calls for. Next we will be moving our attention to Conneauttee Road.

As for the progress of the second siren installation we are finalizing the electrical installation and will have Mobilcom install the informer needed to speak with the County's radio system. We will have about \$3,000 worth of installation fees with this newest addition. Interesting though we did have one resident concerned about the location and the volume of the siren. I assured them that it would only sound quarterly on a specific advertised day at 12:30 pm and otherwise it would only be activated by the County 911 center during an emergency situation that required them to seek shelter immediately. We also explained the duration of the siren sounding and how it rotated on the tower. They appreciated our concern and felt it was a good addition to the community although feared the sound level may be very loud due to their proximity to the siren itself.

Billing for the Wattsburg Water System will begin at the 1st of October. The new portal for our billing has been well received by the users and we hope to reduce our mailing cost considerably. This can be utilized by the new Wattsburg users as well once it is in place for their consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A notice for the Public Safety Open House on Flower Road on September 26, 2015. No action required.

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

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ECATO Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the July 23, 2015 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Pernisek gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

VETERAN PARK COMM. No Meeting.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the July 10th and August 7th, 2015 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ACT 205 Manager Anthony presented the Act 205 yearly Certification of Financial Obligations for Council's review.

FINANCIAL It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve Act 205 as presented.

OBLIGATION Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

VISITORS Ed DiMattio, Erie County Council representative, addressed Council concerning the EMTA service and the sources that provide bus service. County Council is concerned that Erie County Council is providing 90% of the funding but only 10% of the service is for the County with the majority of bus service is within the City of Erie. The EMTA Board consists of 7 members, of which 2 are members the live within the County and all other members live within the city limits. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to send a letter of support for the Erie County Council to have additional representation on the EMTA Authority Board. Voting in favor were Campbell, Feikles, Glass and Pernisek. Voting opposed was Patterson. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.