

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 15, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Feikles, Councilmen Pernisek, Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Norman Willow. Visitors were John May, Kristine May, Casey May, and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve the agenda with the move up of **APPROVAL** 12A Fry Road clarification after Secretary's Report and move 11A and 11B, Executive Sessions, to end of meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #16139-16141 and manual check #15956, Sewer Fund #6983-6984, and payroll #15607-15614 and (Sewer)10064. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave the following verbal report: THE DEP will do a second injection for monitoring at the wells near the Presque Isle Chemical site. These injections will occur again in 2 months. The Crane Road storm siren is now operational. Manager Anthony commended the Road Crew for their work on Plank Road as per the Dirt and Gravel Roads Grant Program. The Program may use this work for their future program presentations. The DSA materials will be applied next week. Boom mowing continues throughout the Township. The Township will purchase millings from Swank Contractors in the amount of \$3,300.00 for application on the Wainer Park circled drive. Millcreek Township will give us millings at no charge if we haul them and those will be used for a walking trail around Wainer Park. Budget time is approaching and the health insurance costs have risen by 50% over last year.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: letter from Erie Regional Chamber and Partnership detailing their intent to apply for a grant to help small businesses in outlying municipalities. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Officer Willow had no subdivisions but presented the Enforcement Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER & WATER AUTH. No meeting. Councilman Feikles presented the monthly Flow Report.

EDINBORO LIASISON Councilman Feikles gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

FIRE DEPT. No Meeting. Manager Anthony presented an email from Fire Department President Daryl Parker concerning the Cambridge area Volunteer Ambulance Service. The said service has been taking their ambulances out of service when volunteers are not available to man the service, and 911 calls the Edinboro Fire Department to cover those emergency calls. This is happening on a regular basis, especially on nights, weekends and holidays, and Edinboro is not able to cover emergencies within their coverage area. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to table the request until a review of the Fire Department's agreement is completed. Voting in favor were Glass, Campbell, Feikles, and Pernisek. Voting opposed was Patterson. Motion carried.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Councilwoman Campbell did not attend the last meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

EXEC. SESSION Council entered in to Executive Session at 4:39 P.M. and reconvened at 5:08 P.M. to discuss **COND. USE APPEAL** litigation concerning the Mahoney Conditional Use appeal and the Brace floodplain issue.

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BIRKMIRE Manager Anthony presented a memo concerning Keith Birkmire's completion of the required 6-month **PROBATION** probationary period. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve a **PERIOD** wage increase for Keith Birkmire from \$18.50 per hour to \$19.50 per hour with benefits, continuing into the 2016 budget year as long as Mr. Birkmire remains in his current position. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED USE Manager Anthony presented a request from John May requesting clarification of a permitted **CLARIFICATION** use for parcel #19-39-2, currently owned by Todd and Julie Grehl, located at 12130 Fry Road. Mr. May is considering purchasing said property if he would be permitted to have his horse-related events on said property in the R-2 zoning district. The Township Code does not clearly define said type of business and Council could consider three options: 1. deny and send to Zoning Hearing Board for their quasi-judicial decision, 2. approve with an Ordinance amendment, or 3. deny completely. A discussion ensued with Mr. May as to what type of venues would be located on the property and hours of operation. Council recommended Mr. May apply to the Zoning Hearing Board and to closely work with the Township Zoning Officer for advice and direction.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn at 5:09 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**