

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 2, 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, Councilmen Feikles and Patterson. Councilmen Glass was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were John Allen, Darla Myers, and Abbey Hudson.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the agenda, with the addition of 12C, Fire Department update. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of August 19, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the August 5 & 19, 2014 Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15452-15488, Water Fund #5349-5355, Sewer Fund #6772-6786, State checks #2055-2058, Developer's check #1067, and payroll checks #1001 (Water), 10033 (Sewer), and #15374-15384. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks, with the correction of the Harrington Laundry check in the amount of \$289.38. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The long awaited improvements to Florek Rd east are in full swing. Geo-textile is being installed, which will help to eliminate the heaving caused by the poor soils we have in this area. Clay pumps from deep down in the ground and the winters bring that towards the surface when traffic drives in the frost during the winter. Geo will help to stabilize the road and keep it from pumping as we have seen numerous times. We will not be applying this technique to the entire road due to cost, and it is possible for problems to occur in those areas not covered. Past inspections tell us that it is unlikely, but still possible. A layer of gravel combined with some crushed concrete will be used overtop of the Geo. If this is successful in curbing the problem and spring time observations confirm this, Florek Road will then become a prime candidate for paving in the future. The Road Department still has a number of projects that they would like to accomplish before we return to the winter weather. Those include but are not limited to repairs to the Laycock Road bridge, Lewis Road pipe lengthening, brush cutting, boom mowing, and spot tar and chip repairs. Of course, preparations for the winter and training of new personnel will be paramount to all of this proposed activities.

The Water Department located a type of leak in the system this past month. Turned out to be a home that children placed a garden hose in a drain while still on. This ran for quite some time and used over 100,000 gallons water during the period. The homeowner was thankful we informed them of the extreme usage. We strive to keep VERY close tabs on water consumption throughout the entire system. Tank cleaning and fall flushing will occur later this year to insure a good quality of water for our residents.

The Sewer Department continues to seek and destroy inflow and infiltration; a battle we will never win entirely but one that provides financial rewards in the long run for all of those residents that pay for this public service. A detailed account of the latest I&I activities is included this month's packet. We encourage the Sewer Department to aggressively look for any and all sources of this ongoing problem.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Mike Dudenhoefer declining the appointment to the Sewer Authority and an audit report of the District Justice Denise Stuck-Lewis. No action was required.

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

SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass was absent; Zoning Officer Willow presented the Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Minutes were unavailable; Mayor Campbell informed Council of the ECATO Picnic.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. No meeting.

VETERANS PARK COMM. Councilman Glass was absent; Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the June 10, 2014 Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the August 1, 2014 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

HAMILTON RD SHRUB CONCERN Council members visited the location of shrubs located within the right-of-way on Hamilton Road that potentially block driver's view of on-coming traffic. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Patterson, to recommend the landowner remove the shrubs in the line of sight to improve driver's sight distance. **Motion carried unanimously.** The shrubs are located in the right-of-way and the Township will remove and dispose of shrubs to insure public safety if the landowners does not relocate them.

I & I UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a list of I & I issues that Wastewater Operator Taylor has been working on to reduce I & I and cut down on the Township's costs to treat said I & I. No action required.

SEWER AUTH. POSITION Manager Anthony reminded Council of the vacant seat on the Township Sewer Authority and the vacant seat on the Borough Sewer Authority. No residents have expressed interest in serving at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ACT 205 PENSION CALCULATIONS Manager Anthony presented the 2015 Pension calculations for Council's review. **It was voted** for on motion by Patterson, seconded by Pernisek, to approve the Executive Directive calculations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EIT UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a letter from the Knox Law Firm concerning the upcoming negotiations with Berkheimer Associates for the collection of the EIT Taxes. No action required.

FIRE DEPT. UPDATE Councilman Pernisek updated Council on a request from the Edinboro Fire Department requesting Pernisek's vote as the Council representative to approve the purchase of a liquor license for the Fire Department Social Hall. A discussion ensued concerning a formal request from the Fire Department and a copy of the proposed resolution. Councilman Feikles expressed concern about the cost of liability insurance required to own a liquor license. Council also is concerned about any liability the Township may have if the Council Representative approves said resolution. Council requested formal documentation from the Fire Department.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**