

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 3, 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 Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Dennis Porto, Merrill Smith, Carrie Crow, Bunny Bucho, Sara Strand, MaryAnne Strand, Kristine Lechefskey, Tom Drake, Debora Richards, George Ristvey, Marge Ristvey, Joe Bannister, Dawn Bannister, John Brinker, Gary Rilling, Annette Rilling, David Kertis, Samantha Zajicek, Brian Songer, Mike Dudenhofer, Chris Roth, Julia McNull, Virginia Wettich, Richard Rutkowski, Tyler Travis, Beth Travis, Michael Bond, Peter Guariloff, Bill Dilla, Betty Dilla, Paul Ditmore, Carol Smith, J. Potter, Keith Mitchell, Carl Rexford, Gwen Rexford, Cheryl Mitchell, Jack Crow, Dawn Costa, Gail Dylewski, Krista Williams, Cheri Catanzarite, Rick Scardina, John Cacchione, Bob Santos, David Catanzarite, Scott Kulka, Jill Anderson, Will Smith, Ed Koskoski, Ken Weber, Mary Weber, Marge Gigliotti, Denise Kirby, Gail Swank, Edith Ghere, Gail Stickner, Jill Eichner, James Williams, Virginia Keim, Cheryl Zukowski, Joe Zukowski, Ashley Ghere, Tim Crabtree, Paul Johnson, Jeremy Dylewski, Mary Ann Wylie, Colin Wylie, and Greg Lucas.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve the Agenda with the removal of **APPROVAL** 12 A, Eagle Scout project, and the move-up of 13 A, Visitors, after the Secretary's Report. 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 20, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund 14835-14875 and manual check #14828, Water Fund #5207-5217, Sewer Fund #6565-6578, State check #2040, and payroll checks #15155-15168. It was voted on motion by Pernisek, second by Campbell, to approve the payable checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Glass, 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 Road Crew replaced a considerable amount of sluice pipes on Lay Road this past month. Before considering any road for improvements, it is important to be sure that all the underground components are in good condition. This job did create some inconveniences for some area residents and they voiced that concern to me. Some felt that a notice should have been sent to them to let them know what we were doing, why, and how. My position is this: time, weather, and material play a crucial role in determining when and where a project will be done. It is unusual to replace this many pipes in one particular area. The challenge was trying to do it during the best weather to reduce problems with compaction and of course working it into the multitude of other projects we have going on. In addition, manpower, availability of equipment and supplies are key factors in project scheduling. It is not that we do not want the public to know what we are working on; it is just extremely difficult to pinpoint a time and location when so many other factors are involved. With 73 miles of road, we sometimes have to make snap decisions and base our work on opportunity and priority. Of course, the Crew is always happy to explain the events to anyone who would ask them on the job site. We were quite disappointed in the blatant disregard of ROAD CLOSED signs and the inappropriate actions of some motorist. No one likes to be inconvenienced, but it is necessary in order to make improvements.

The usage of Wainer Park continues to increase as the word of this beautiful area spreads. We have had several weddings at the park and the amphitheater has been well received for those functions. As the summer season winds down, we will look at future improvements for our parks for next year.

Manager Anthony verbally informed Council of Wainer Park usage is up and the proposed Wesbury Senior Development will proceed with Washington Township servicing the development with public water.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

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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

PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes were unavailable. Zoning Officer Willow gave a verbal report on the last meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilwoman Campbell gave a verbal report of the ECATO Meeting, and informed Council of the upcoming ECATO Convention October 24, 2013.

WATER AUTHORITY Minutes were unavailable. Councilman Pernisek gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes were unavailable.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the August 9, 2013 Meeting.

EMA Manager Anthony did not attend the last meeting; Mayor Patterson attended and presented the Minutes of the September 2, 2013 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

FLOODPLAIN ORD. UPDATE Manager Anthony presented the Floodplain Ordinance update for Council's review. No action required.

ORD. #2-13 CODE AMENDMENTS Council received comment from many residents and answered questions about the proposed Porto development on YMCA Drive. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to re-advertise for public hearing proposed Ordinance #2-13, amending the Washington Township Code, with the removal section #6, density and lot size. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Feikles, and Patterson. **Voting against** were Campbell and Pernisek. **Motion carried.** A lengthy discussion ensued with public comment received. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to send item #6 back to the Planning Commission to reconsider the density per acre, paying specific attention to the following: Township growth objectives, incorporate green space requirements in addition to the present green belt requirements and increase the percentage per acre, utilize the term "per developed acre" as it would apply to density, and develop definitions as for any new term used. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PROPOSED LAND DONATION **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to accept the donation of a .89 acre parcel, index #20-43-5, located on Sherrod Hill Road, contingent upon research and review by the Township Solicitor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

ACT 205 FINANCIAL OBLIGATION Manager Anthony presented Act 205, the Township's pension obligation, for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve Act 205 pension obligation in the amount of \$32,200.00, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Krista Williams addressed Council concerning the R-3 zoning district in which she resides that does not allow farm animals, and would like the zoning district amended to allow Ms. Williams to maintain chickens and ducks on her property located on Harold Drive. Zoning Officer Willow has received several complaints

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about said animals. Several neighbors spoke against any such change. Council informed Ms. Williams of her rights to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board the Zoning Officer's actions for removal of said animals according to the Township Code.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:10 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**