

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Patterson, Councilmen Pernisek, and Glass. Councilman Feikles was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Rick Chernicky, Kathy Pernisek, Stephen Renick, Erin Trypus, Ed Abdallah, and Mike Russell.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Pernisek, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Agenda as presented.
APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of August 20, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S 7 REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18541-18575 and manual check #18534, Water Fund #6045-6056, Sewer Fund #7842-7853, and payroll checks #16526-16536, (Water) 10074 and (Sewer) 10171. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Department has been continuing roadside mowing throughout the Township. Several pipe replacement jobs have been accomplished as we prioritize those in need of upgrades in areas that will be scheduled for road improvements in the future. We hope to do an in-house tar and chip job to Henneous Road. The crew did an excellent job of laying down millings with our paving machine. Once this is completed we should have an outstanding road.

We continue to make improvements to Inspiration Park as time allows. The open field has been planted with grass and oats in order to stabilize the soil. Once this takes hold, we will mow it with the new batwing mower. It will take time to get this area into condition and determine just what improvements we want to make to it. We will be submitting a grant request to ECGRA in the amount of \$33,000 of which we will be responsible for half. This will provide for five full picnic areas, a 16' X 24' pavilion, benches, trash bins and the construction of a trail for cross country skiing and summer walking, a great start to this promising addition to our recreational facilities.

The budgeting process for 2020 has begun and we will be looking at the upgrades and improvements needed for the various departments. This is always a challenge and we hope to continue our efforts to make Washington Township a better place to live with wise expenditures of taxpayer dollars. Our employees work hard to keep costs in line and get the most we can for the least amount of money. Roads, infrastructure and recreation will continue to be in the forefront of our expenditure needs.

Manager Anthony verbally added that he has traded 4 joints of 48" pipe for 500 tons of millings with Harborcreek Township. The purchase of the sewer line camera with Milton Regional Sewer Authority has been cancelled due to the unit not operating at this time. After research, it would be too expensive to repair and Milton will refund the Township's funds for said unit.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow presented the Edinboro Lake Preliminary Plan, the Skelton/ Trypus replot and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Skelton/ Trypus replot as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Patterson, to set a conditional use public hearing for Edinboro Lake Resort on October 1, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Mayor Campbell presented

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the minutes of August 2, 2019 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. #2-19 **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve Ordinance #2-19, amending **CODE AMEND.** §105-48 of chapter 105 of the Township Code regarding sewer and water inspections. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS None.

VISITORS EMA representative Chuck Kannaar addressed Council concerning Emergency Management during his quarterly visit. Ed Abdallah addressed Council concerning a zoning violation he recently received. Any appeal of the zoning officer's action must go to the Zoning Hearing Board. He expressed that in order to appeal the violation notice he would have to pay \$600.00 fee as required by Resolution #Resolution #3-19. Mr. Abdallah felt it was unfair if the violation was deemed unfounded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Council entered in to Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss possible litigation. Council reconvened at 7:38 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:42 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**