

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilwoman Campbell and Councilman Pernisek. Vice-Mayor Feikles and Councilman Patterson were absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, Rob and Vicki Estok, Abbey Hudson, Tracey Devies, Nancy Weil, Brian Cooper, Sean Seeman, Eric Scheiwer, Laura Tighe, Ed Abdallah, Matt Caro, Brent Bergo, John Allen, and Lorie Bearfield.

AGENDA APPROVAL **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Agenda with the move-up of 12A after 6, Secretary's Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of August 15, 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #17332-17385, Water Fund #5790-5798, Sewer Fund #7411-7430, State Fund #2099, and payroll checks #16058-16069 and 10052 (Water) and 10123 (Sewer). **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 presented following report:

One might think that with the conclusion of our subcontracted 2017 road projects that would be slowing down and just doing routine chores, not in Washington Township. We worked for Millcreek Township in exchange for more asphalt millings and then hauled in our share. We were able to have a considerable amount crushed placement with our paver and immediately began the improvements to Washington Drive back into Wainer Park. The results are quite nice and I encourage Council to view the work. A cross pipe was extended on the road, while a full replacement was done on Meadow Lawn. All the tar and chip roads were swept by the contractor and we are happy to report we received only minor complaints. We will be completing the improvements on Florek Road down to our lift station. The Leacock Bridge has been reduced to a 3-ton limit until we replace the steel beams. This will be done in-house to keep costs at a minimum for this low volume bridge. The beams, which will be coated with epoxy therefore giving them extended life, will be put in sometime in September. The cost will be about \$9,000 and is relatively inexpensive for a bridge repair. I am confident this will buy the Township many years of continued use. The County Bridge Engineer will perform an analysis of the structure and make a recommendation as to the new load rating. We anticipate that no rating will be required as new beams and a firm existing undercarriage should be ample support for anticipated traffic. Other duties include, continued mowing with the extended boom mower on various roads and hauling of antiskid for the winter season.

The Water Department has exercised and flushed certain areas to ensure proper levels of chlorine in the water. We had a broken valve within the water plant itself two weekends ago. This resulted in minor flooding of the plant floor, but due to our internal system alarms and visual capabilities via the internet, the operator was able to avoid additional damage and concerns and made the appropriate repairs in a very timely manner. The sewer department is using a new manhole sealer to reduce further inflow at those locations. Rain events still elevate our flows and are attributable to direct influx of rain water. We continue to take every effort to reduce that inflow as it results in a reduction of billing from the Boro of Edinboro system. As you know, it is a battle we will never win, but certainly we can keep on top of it to reduce overall costs in budget strapped department.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony the following correspondence:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMM No Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Minutes were unavailable.

VETERAN PARK COMM. Minutes were unavailable.

EMA Councilman Pernisek presented the Minutes of the August 4, 2017 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORD. #4-17 Manager Anthony presented Ordinance #4-17, amending §150-9 to include 'mini warehousing,' in the C-1 zoning district. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve Ordinance #4-17 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ABDALLAH COND. USE SOUND COMPLIANCE Ed Abdallah, owner of Whispering Tree Manor, presented a sound report as required by his conditional use. The report shows the venue is within permitted sound levels. Mr. Abdallah addressed Council requesting to amend the live music condition as he agreed to at the time Council set the conditions for the permitted use. Manager Anthony informed Mr. Abdallah is only recourse at this time is the Court of Common Pleas, as Mr. Abdallah's 30-day appeal term is expired and said set conditions will permanently be in place for his property.

BORO EDU ALLOTMENT REQUEST Manager Anthony presented a request from Annette Russell, owner of Edinboro Lake Resort, to increase the Borough's EDU allotment to 4 additional EDU's to accommodate their expansion. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to approve said request as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

CEPA FUNDING REQUEST Manager Anthony presented a request from Brian Cooper, CEPA supervisor, requesting funds for repairs and lettering for an ambulance. The said total request is in the amount of \$3,974.36, and CEPA is requesting \$23 per resident of several municipalities including McKean Borough, McKean Township, Edinboro Borough, Franklin Township, and Washington Township. CEPA is requesting \$1,020.36 from Washington Township. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to fund said request, with the stipulation the funding is a one-time donation and CEPA should not request any more funds. **Voting** in favor were Campbell, Pernisek, Glass, and Feikles. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

YEARLY MMO PENSION **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the yearly estimated pension financial obligation to PMRS in the amount of \$39,879.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:08 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**