

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 6, 2011 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 Patterson, Stefano and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. Visitors were David Orlop and Al Pernisek.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of August 16, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13676-13721, Water Fund #4945-4956 and manual check #4932, Sewer Fund #6142-6155 and manual check #6082, Veterans Park checks #1004-1005, and payroll checks #10000056, 10000190, #995862-995872.
It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the fund checks as presented.
Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the payroll checks as presented. Voting in favor were Patterson, Campbell, and Glass. Abstaining was Feikles because his son is a part-time summer employee. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

We have purchased \$5,000 worth of antiskid for the upcoming winter season. Our storage unit is already filled. It is anticipate that we will need to purchase additional material, but that depends on the extent of the Winter season. The Road Crew made significant repairs to a couple of water crossings. On Rice Road, it was necessary to reset the exit headwall and backfill the area. Guardrail was installed for additional safety measures as well. On Old Route 99, a large 4' diameter cross pipe had an additional 10' added to it and the headwalls on both sides of the crossing were reset with additional blocks and stones. The area was restored and seeded to reduce erosion.

The Road Crew is in Elk Creek Township and Springfield Township performing some reclamation with the Township's Zipper. We anticipate this process to take approximately one week to complete. Upon return, the Crew will be focusing on vegetation removal along various Township roads to improve site distance for snowplowing and removal of low hanging branches/limbs. Although this process can produce concern among residents, it is a necessary evil that must be completed to improve overall safety of the crews. In addition, the allowance of more sunlight to hit the road surface increases the quick removal of snow and causes less damage to the roadways. We make every effort to follow state regulations regarding tree removal. This is something that we must be aggressive on.

The Sewer Department will be installing a large cover around the Woods Drive lift station access point. Although somewhat costly to have made, the addition will effectively eliminate the problem we saw last year during the heavy snowmelt. During that time, snow and water build up discharged into the top of the lift station manhole and dumped thousands of gallons during a short period into the system. This event was very costly not only for treating clean water, but over-use of pumps across the system to move it. A metal unit is being built and will be installed to raise the lift station opening about 16" from the current ground level. This should be plenty high enough to divert any ground water/snow melt around the inlet and prevent further inflow at that location. If you recall, we spent thousands having two pumper trucks at a couple of locations keeping the flow down by removing back up of water as much as possible during this heavy snow melting event

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: letters from Carolyn Rhodes and Carol Klonicki concerning riparian buffers; a letter from George and Diane Baldwin concerning the condition of Eureka Road; a death notice of former Sewer authority member James Vanstone; a letter from PSATS in support of Stormwater legislation; a letter from David Orlop concerning Henneous Road conditions.

Mayor Glass stated that comments regarding the riparian buffers would be taken at the September 20, 2011 public Hearing for the proposed Stormwater Ordinance.

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Council directed Manager Anthony to respond to Mr. & Mrs. Baldwin's concerns regarding Eureka Road. Council expressed their sadness of the passing of James Vanstone, former Sewer Authority Chair and Veterans Park Committee member.

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to support of the PSATS proposed Stormwater Resolution. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to have Road Crew address the Henneous Road conditions. **Voting in favor** were Campbell, Stefano, Glass, and Feikles. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly Building Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs informed Council that the court found in favor of Washington Township regarding Hurley's liability for sewer charges for the homes at the Majestic Heights Mobile Home Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the August 23, 2011 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting. Manager Anthony presented the resignation of Merrick Owen. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Feikles, to accept the resignation as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the August 18, 2011 Meeting.

ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM. Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the August 11, 2011 Meeting.

VETS PARK Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the July 12, 2011 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

SETBACK CHANGES Council discussed the proposed setback changes to the Township Code. Council considered using the National Fire Department's Prevention Policy for setback distances between homes. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to ask Planning Commission to address the front yard setbacks to be more in proportion to lot size. **Motion carried unanimously.**

LERTA UPDATE Manager Anthony presented a memo from the General McLane School Superintendent Richard Scaletta concerning proposed LERTA properties within Washington Township to spur growth. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to allow the LERTA Program in zoning districts within the R-1, R-2, R-3, and Commercial-1 districts for the 3-year timeframe as recommended by the General McLane School District. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Feikles, Campbell and Stefano. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

FRY ROAD AGREEMENT Manager Anthony requested Council to review the Fry Road Agreement with Franklin Township and reviewed changes since the last Agreements were signed. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to amend the agreement with Franklin Township to propose the transfer of maintenance of Fry Road's gravel portion to Franklin Township, and Washington township will maintain the paved portion; revise the Henneous Road Agreement with LeBoeuf Township for said Township to do all the road maintenance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EMA MEETING MINUTES Manager Anthony presented the Minutes of the Emergency Management Association Meeting of September 2, 2011. A discussion ensued concerning the rapid growth and the costs of said Association.

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NEW BUSINESS

YRLY PENSION **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the yearly pension **CERTIFICATION** financial obligation in the amount of \$32,520.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VFD LEGISLATION Manager Anthony informed Council of recent State legislation concerning firefighter workers' **UPDATE** compensation costs. Vice-Mayor Feikles will contact the Fire Department for their comments of said legislation.

EQUIPMENT Manager Anthony informed Council of two vehicles that need to be replaced/ or terminated in the **UPDATE** Township's fleet. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to approve the sale and listing of the 2004 Dodge Durango and the 2003 GMC half-ton pickup via the State's Municibid. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manager Anthony will research the costs of replacement of both vehicles as opposed to replacing only one of the vehicles.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:38 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**