

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on January 20, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Patterson, Stefano and Councilperson Campbell. Also present were Manager David Anthony, Zoning Officer Terry Carcella, and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Alice Kurtzhals, Bradley Smith, Matthew Seagren and Amber Wellington.

MINUTE OF SILENCE Mayor Glass called for a moment of silence for the passing of the following civic and community leaders: former Planning Commission member Edward Glover, Chuck Brant, Lynn LeSuer, Civil Engineer Lax Gupta and community developer Ray Travaglini, Sr.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2009 Reorganization Meeting. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the regular January 5, 2009 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund checks #11440-11446, Water Fund check #3996, Sewer Fund check #4693, and ADP Payroll checks #995,337-995,340 and 10,000,0107-10,000,108. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve all Fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Manager Anthony informed Council of the Sewer authority's receipt of the Penn Vest loan and the repayment to the General Fund of the loan to the Sewer Authority.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the upcoming use of Franklin Township's Oshkosh truck for pushing snow back from the intersections, the new cell phones from Verizon, and how Council wished to address the costs for those accompanying Council to the PSATS Convention. Council agreed that Mayor Glass will reimburse in the amount of \$85.00 and Councilman Frank Stefano will reimburse in the amount of \$124.00 to General Fund these costs to Washington Township.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Mike Feikles informing Council he would be interested on serving on any Board, Committee, or Authority position that may come be available and an email concerning the plowing of Rice Road.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but presented the Enforcement Report and a letter from Bradley Smith concerning setbacks.
Mr. Bradley Smith was present and addressed Council about the setback requirements for the lot He is considering purchasing in Hummingbird Hills subdivision. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Patterson, to ask Planning Commission to review the said setbacks. Motion carried unanimously.
It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to initiate emergency clean-up of trash located at 5496 Grandview Avenue, incur the \$300.00 township Code violation fee plus costs, and if the property owner does not reimburse the Township for the cost of the trash clean-up, a lien will be filed on the property for said costs. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Halmi updated Council on stormwater issues in the Conneauttee Heights subdivision and gave several options for correcting the issue. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to direct manager Anthony to send a letter to the residents in the said subdivision asking for their input on redirecting the stormwater and how the costs of this proposed project should be covered. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to direct Engineer Halmi to prepare estimates on costs for a stormwater project. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halmi informed Council the analysis of the Route 6N/ Washington Towne Blvd. ADA Compliance is completed and he requested a meeting with Manager Anthony and PennDot to discuss the issue. The H₂O Grant application is ready for submittal to help with the sewer plant upgrade costs. The design adjustments for the Conneauttee Bridge abutments and the Perry Lane Bridge right-of-ways are ready for submittal to PennDot which will be before February, 2009. The I-79 PennDot Rest Stop Sewer Line Project is ready for advertising for bids with construction commencing in May, 2009. Councilman Foulkrod questioned the contractor's timeliness for the Sewer project and asked if the issue could be a standing Council Agenda item for updates until the scheduled completion date of May, 2009. This item will be discussed under the Engineer's Monthly Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER AUTHORITY Councilperson Campbell presented the Minutes of the December 11, 2008 Meeting and the monthly Flow Report. Campbell brought back to Council a request from the Sewer Authority for approximately \$1,000.00 of the Coaxial Cable franchise fees be used for the installation of an internet connection to the Borough of Edinboro's Sewage Treatment Plant for communication between the Township's proposed lift stations. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to pay said costs from the franchise fees as requested. After a discussion, Campbell **amended the motion**, Stefano **amended the second**, to pay said costs from the Township's General Fund, and to the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EDINBORO LIASION No meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Vice-Mayor Foulkrod addressed Council concerning the ongoing issue of the Borough of Edinboro's non-payment for the approved $\frac{1}{3}$ Lake Study costs, and asked Council to reconsider paying the Borough's $\frac{1}{3}$ share of the Lake Study costs. After a discussion, Council did not take any action.

OLD BUSINESS

EVFD DRAFT ORD. Matt Seagren, Fire Chief, was in attendance to present a draft ordinance for the recovery of insurance payments for fire department services for Washington Township emergencies. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, advertise the draft ordinance for Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EMC AGREEMENT Manager Anthony presented a draft agreement between Washington Township and the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator William Kutz, outlining the EMC's responsibilities. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Agreement contingent upon the EMC providing the Township with a monthly activity report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

REAL ESTATE TAX SETTLEMENT **It was voted** on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to accept the real estate tax settlement as submitted by Tax Collector Laurie Showman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2007 INTERIM TAX SETTLEMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to accept the 2007 interim tax settlement as submitted by Tax Collector Laurie Showman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2007 STREET LIGHT TAX SETTLEMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to accept the 2008 street light tax settlement as submitted by Tax Collector Laurie Showman. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manager Anthony will send letters to the assessed property owners informing them the past due tax bills.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Council convened in Executive Session at 5:46 P.M. to discuss personnel matters. Council returned to the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M.

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VISITORS Alice Kurtzhal addressed Council concerning the sewer rate increase.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 6:02 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.