

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on November 4, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Patterson and Stefano and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella and Solicitor Paul Burroughs. Visitor was Amber Wellington. Mayor Glass congratulated Councilman Patterson on his re-election win.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Foulkrod, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of October 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12556-12597 and manual checks #12488-12490, 12552, Water Fund checks #4661-4673 and manual checks #4639 and #4635, Sewer Fund #5708-5731 and manual check #4708, State Fund manual check #2013, Veterans Park manual check #992, CDBG checks #576-578 and payroll checks #10000033, 10000145-10000146, #995480-995489. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Considerable time has been spent by the Road Crew assisting the Sewer Department in removal of unwanted equipment at the plant. Some of these items needed to be removed in order to facilitate the new operation, and others items just to clean up and organize the area. With nearly 40 years worth of changes and minor adjustments, the electrical system itself has been a nightmare. Many dead end wires and items patched in here and there have caused the necessity of bringing in an electrician to properly trace and disconnect various circuits. In addition, the scrap metal has been sold and the funds placed in the Sewer account as additional revenue. Some items still remain, but for all intents and purposes the plant no longer has any treatment capabilities and is technically nothing more than a large lift station now. The pressroom will hopefully be transformed into a office next year. We are currently reviewing options for the tanks located in the floor of that building. A decision as to either filling them in or merely a semi-permanent cap installation is being mulled over. Obviously, the cost and safety factors are the most prevalent considerations.

As of Oct 30, Norm Willow has been laid-off from the Sewer Department. This is part of the reduction of operational and maintenance costs that were discussed earlier this year in order to help in the lowering of the sewer bills. The Water Department will now assist the Sewer Department and of course, the Sewer Department will reciprocate. Both employees are certified to operate the two departments, although Mr. Yurcak is not a licensed operator and therefore cannot make operational decisions relating to the Kline Road or General McLane sewer treatment plants.

The bi-annual, late-night hydrant flushing has been completed without any major disruption to the system's water quality. Although we did discover a problem with the chlorine injection system, spare parts were utilized to maintain the operation while the damaged one is being rebuilt. It was updated about five years ago at a cost of approximately \$500.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Jake Welsh concerning the gaming revenues and a notice from Penn Union concerning their application for a DEP renewal permit. No action was required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Ponsoll final subdivision #4-09 and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the Ponsoll subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs updated Council in Executive Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the September 24th and the October 22, 2009 Meetings.

EDINBORO VFD No report. Manager Anthony provided for Vice-Mayor Foulkrod the Minutes of the Erie County Firefighters Association.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. No meeting.

VETS PARK Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the September 9, 2009 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

CDBG Manager Anthony presented an email from Grants Manager Kim Weigand concerning the Route 6N/ I-79 **UPDATE** ADA compliance project which will not be approved for CDBG funds. Those funds allotted for this project will remain with Washington Township and may be revised to another project in the future.

PENNDOT Manager Anthony presented a letter from PennDot concerning a paving request for the Perry **PERRY LANE** Lane Bridge. It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Campbell, to modify the PennDot **BRIDGE UPDATE** contract provisions for paving to get the bridge open by December 2009 and ask the contractor to accept the conditions as suggested by PennDot. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINES

HOUSE BILL Mayor Glass presented a draft letter to be submitted to Rep. John Evans and Senator Earl **#1500** concerning House Bill #1500 that addresses payment for police services in communities over 10,000 in population, for Council's review. Council agreed this letter did not pertain to Washington Township because Washington Township's population is under 5,000. Mayor Glass will investigate and report back to Council.

RES. #22-09 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve Resolution #22-09, approving **LIEN-FREE TAX SALE** the contract with the Agresti Firm to conduct the lien-free tax sale of property within Washington Township. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE Council convened in Executive Session at 7:53 P.M. to discuss pending litigation with the Borough's **SESSION** contractor for the Borough's sewer plant upgrades. Council re-convened at 8:03 P.M.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:04 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

