

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 16, 2008

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 16, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Stefano, Councilmen Patterson and Glass and Councilperson Campbell. Also present were Manager David Anthony, Zoning Officer Terry Carcella, and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Todd Colosimo, Destiny Bogda, and Amber Wellington.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund checks #11435-11437, Water Fund check #3995, Sewer Fund check #4692, CDBG check #549 and ADP Payroll checks #995,323-995,326 and 10,000,0103-10,000,104. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve all Fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on snow placed in Township right-of-ways, an update on the Quickbooks accounting software, and for the use of Coaxial franchise fees for installation of a line into the Borough Sewer Plant for communications with the Washington Township plant.
It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to approve the use of up to \$1,000.00 of the Coaxial Cable franchise fees for the installation of a high-speed internet connection to the Borough's sewer plant. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the proper line-item budget issue of using the said fees for a Sewer authority expense. Motion was rescinded.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a notice from PSATS for the 2009 State Convention and an email from West County Communications concerning an upcoming meeting for the operating costs and the possible future closing of their location and services as affected by the new Erie County 911 facility. No action was taken.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Tucci minor subdivision #12-08 and the Enforcement Report including a right-of-way/ property boundary dispute on Hill Road. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Stefano, to approve the Tucci subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Halmi updated Council on the Perry Lane and Conneauttee Bridge projects. The preliminary plans for the Perry Lane Bridge project will be submitted next week and the final plans will be submitted in March, 2009, with construction commencing by the summer of 2009. The preliminary design plan is complete with the exception of the design alternatives. PennDot has requested that Council review the design alternatives for the abutments and Engineer Halmi will ask for a supplementary agreement for the said abutments. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to authorize the Notice to Proceed for the final design phase of the Conneauttee Bridge project. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Halmi informed Council that PennDot requires the appraiser for the Conneauttee Bridge project be subcontracted by Deiss Halmi Engineers. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, for Deiss Halmi to use said subcontractor for the appraisals. Motion carried unanimously. Engineer Halmi will subcontract with Interstate Appraisals, the same company as for the Perry Lane Bridge appraisals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER AUTHORITY Councilperson Campbell presented the Minutes of the November 13, November 21, and December 1, 2008 Meetings and the monthly Flow Report.

EDINBORO LIASION No report.

OLD BUSINESS

EVFD Matt Seagren, Fire Chief, was not in attendance to present a draft ordinance for the recovery of insurance **DRAFT ORD.** payments for fire department services for Washington Township emergencies. Council tabled the issue until the next meeting.

RES. #20-08 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to approve the dedication of Marketplace **MARKETPLACE DR DED.** Drive into the Township's street system. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #21-08 OPEN **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to appoint Manager Anthony **REC. OFFICER** as the Open Records Officer for Washington Township and amending the Township's Policy to comply with the State Act 3 of 2008. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #1-09 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to approve the 2009 Budget as presented. **2009 BUDGET** **Motion carried unanimously.** Vice-Mayor Stefano requested Council look at sewer billing rate alternatives such as tier-rate billing.

RES. #2-09 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to approve Resolution #2-09, the **2009 TAX LEVY** 2009 Tax Levy, set at .81 mills. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:27 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**