

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on December 2, 2008 at 7:00P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Stefano, Councilmen Glass and Patterson and Councilperson Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Solicitor Burroughs. Zoning Officer Carcella was absent. There were no visitors.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of November 18, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #11394-11434 and manual check #11332, Water Fund #3987-3994, Sewer Fund #4677-4691 and manual checks #4633-4634, State check #1775, Developer's check #335, Veterans Park check #159, CDBG checks #547-548 and payroll checks #10000022, 10000101-10000102, #995313-995322. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Voting in favor were Glass, Stefano, Campbell and Patterson. Foulkrod abstained from the vote due to a payment being approved for Foulkrod and Associates for computer software purchase that was previously approved at the November 5, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony presented following report:

As a reminder to Council: as of November 24<sup>th</sup> Washington Township has assumed responsibility for the winter maintenance of Franklin Township's road system. I am pleased to report that complaints have been minimal considering the deluge of snow events we have experienced lately. Of course, small changes in the operation and efficiency of the crews are on-going and we try very hard to accommodate the citizens request when they are practical. The crew has been ordered to place antiskid and salt sparingly and only where absolutely needed. Obviously this is due to the inflated costs of these materials. I have observed that many municipalities are balancing their budgets by reducing the anticipated fuel costs due to the fall of petroleum prices recently. I did not do that in our budget and if such a surplus would be experienced, it will only help other areas in the tight 2009 budget to come out ahead.

We are researching the possibility of purchasing a piece of property that sits adjacent to the Peninsula Park. This parcel is coming up for County Tax Sale. We had tried to purchase this several years ago via a DCNR grant, but were unsuccessful. The Pennsylvania Township Code requires that an appraisal be done prior to any purchase of land. Unfortunately, I have not been able to locate that appraisal at this time. Our Solicitor is reviewing those requirements and we hope to be able to proceed if the opportunity presents itself.

The Sewer and Water Departments have no major issues to report at this time.

Solicitor Burroughs suggested the Township contact Erie County to see if a private sale could be held for the said adjoining parcel. Manager Anthony will contact the County.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Susan Reed Inquiring about a Green River Ordinance in Washington Township. No action was taken.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella was absent; Manager Anthony presented the monthly Building Permit Report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the November 25, 2008 Meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Vice-Mayor Stefano presented the Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Meeting.

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**EDINBORO VFD** No report.

**WATER AUTHORITY** No meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** No report.

**EDINBORO LIAISON** No report.

**WATERSHED ASSOC.** Mayor Foulkrod informed Council the Borough of Edinboro continues to refuse to pay their 1/3 share of approximately \$2,400 of the Edinboro Lake Study as previously reported on. A **motion was made** by Stefano, second by Glass, to pay the Borough's share of the Lake Study. A discussion ensued concerning how the costs could be recouped by the Township. Stefano **rescinded the motion.**

**VETS PARK** Manager Anthony informed Council of a 50-50 raffle recently conducted by the Committee to raise money for further improvements to the park.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**EMPLOYEE** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the purchase of \$50 **XMAS GIFTS** Christmas gift cards for each employee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PENN VEST** Manager Anthony informed Council the Penn Vest loan closing is completed and anticipates **UPDATE** reimbursement to the Township from the Sewer authority for the promissory note is forthcoming by the middle of December.

**NEW BUSINES** None.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:32 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**