

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 1, 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 Stefano, Patterson, and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Carcella. There were no visitors.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 18, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #13325-13373 and manual check #13013, Water Fund #4856-4868 and manual check #4844, Sewer Fund #5994-6008 and manual check #5980, Developer's check #1009, and payroll checks #10000048, 10000176, #995731-995740. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

One can no longer refer to our snowplowing crew as inexperienced. Now that we are in middle of winter, the level of competency of these men has improved dramatically. Luckily, breakdowns have been minimal and all easily repaired. Our time for a typical round of complete plowing of 73 miles of road is about 4.5 hours, and we hope to improve upon that as well. Meetings with the crew to brainstorm various options for future equipment purchases/utilization will continue as we seek ways to improve our service without heavy financial burden on the General Fund. Several of the trucks and pieces of equipment are at or near their life expectancy, requiring some short and long range planning.

The transition in the Sewer Department is going well. Joe Yurcak is the department head and will be responsible for the overall operation of the Sewer Department. Norm Willow is our operator and will be responsible for the day-to-day operation. These two will work well together and I am confident they will work hard to improve the system and focus on inflow and infiltration reduction, which is the key to keeping the financial side solvent. Problems relating to the extreme frigid temperatures have already challenged the crew and the problems were met head on and rectified. I have the utmost confidence in these gentlemen and fully expect them to maintain tight controls on spending and operations. Both have the experience and initiative to keep this system in compliance.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager presented the following correspondence: an update from Erie County Assessment Office regarding the implementation of assessed values commencing in 2013, a sewer fee discount complaint from Mary Minch, and a letter from Erie County concerning public safety. No action required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the monthly Building Report and the Farrell Subdivision #22-10, with a letter from Edinboro Borough, stating the Borough has no comments for said subdivision.
It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Farrell subdivision #22-10, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 25, 2011.

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ZONING HEARING BOARD Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 18, 2011.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the January 20, 2011 Meeting, a notice for the upcoming Firemen's Dinner and their 2011 Committee List. Mayor Glass, Councilman Stefano, and Councilwoman Campbell will attend the Firemen's Dinner.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 20, 2011.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Councilwoman Campbell presented the Minutes of the November 4, 2010 Meeting.

EDINBORO LIAISON No Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Glass gave a verbal report of the last meeting.

VETS PARK No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

AMENDED SEWER BUDGET Manager Anthony presented an amended Sewer Fund budget re-calculations for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve the amended Sewer Fund budget re-calculations as presented. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Patterson, Feikles, and Campbell. **Voting opposed** was Stefano. **Motion carried.**

RES. #6-11 **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to approve Resolution #6-11, a sewer rate **SEWER USER FEE** increase to \$75.00 per month per EDU, or \$900.00 for an annual fee, commencing from this day forward. **Voting in favor** were Glass, Feikles and Patterson. **Voting opposed** were Campbell and Stefano. **Motion carried.** Manager Anthony informed Council that approximately 37 sewer users had paid their bill for the year and asked Council to clarify if those pre-paid customers would be billed for the rate increase. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to bill pre-paid customers for the increase commencing February 1, 2011, in the amount of \$6.00 per month. A lengthy discussion ensued. **Voting in favor** were Patterson and Glass. **Voting opposed** were Campbell, Stefano and Feikles. **Motion died.** Council sought the advice of counsel concerning the legality of said decision for pre-paid customers. After consideration and advice from counsel, **it was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to bill pre-paid users for the rate increase of \$6.00 per month. **Voting in favor** were Feikles, Patterson, and Glass. **Voting opposed** were Campbell and Stefano. **Motion carried.**

EDINBORO LAKE SPRAYING Manager Anthony presented a quote from aquatic Environment Consultants for the spraying of Edinboro Lake in the same areas as treated in 2010, in the amount of \$2,568.60. A discussion ensued concerning the effectiveness of last's year's spraying as determined by Brian Zimmerman, Chairman of the Watershed Foundation. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to direct Manager Anthony to request information from Mr. Zimmerman concerning last year's spraying and bring the request back to Council for consideration when said information is received. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GRIND BOX PURCHASE **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the purchase of the grind box in the amount of \$9,000.00 as quoted by Asphalt Zipper, Inc. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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NEW BUSINESS

RES. #7-11 PENNDOT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the PennDot **CURB RAMP AGREE**. Maintenance Agreement, in which PennDot will install the ADA-accessible curb ramps at the Route 6N/ Washington Towne Boulevard intersection at PennDot's expense, but maintenance for said curb ramps will be the Township's responsibility. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DRAFT ORD. Councilman Patterson expressed concerns about Marcellus shale drilling and asked Council if **MARCELLUS** the Township should consider drafting an ordinance for land preservation/ damages from Marcellus **SHALE** shale drilling. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to direct the staff to draft and ordinance for said drilling guidelines. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:25 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**