

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 17, 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. Visitor was Amber Wellington.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Foulkrod, to approve the Agenda as presented.
APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously. After further review, it was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to add of 7 C, D, and E to Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2009 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund manual checks #11449-11452, Water Fund manual check #3997, and ADP Payroll checks #995,352-995,355 and 10,000,0111-10,000,112. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve all Fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the utility billing and that approximately 110 residents took advantage of Council's 10% discount for full yearly payment of the sewer bill. This amounts to approximately 20% of the sewer users of Washington Township utilizing the discount.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Dick Rupp concerning discussion about a Township-wide property tax increase to offset the increased sewer rates, a Firemen's Conference Dinner notice, the ECATO Schools notice, the Red Cross Dinner notice, and a letter from Arno Zandbergen concerning billing concerns.
Stefano and Glass will attend the American Red Cross Heroes Dinner and the ECATO Dinner.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report but presented the Enforcement Report, noting 3 complaints filed for the month of January. Carcella also updated Council on the letters sent to Township residents concerning plowing snow across Township roads.

ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Halmi updated Council on the Borough's Sewer Plant upgrade construction project and the bid award for the PennDot Rest Stop Project. Council expressed their concerns about the contractor falling behind schedule and directed Manager Anthony to send a letter to the Borough with their concerns and thank Edinboro Borough for their efforts in trying to get the project done by the tentative May 3, 2009 deadline. Engineer Halmi informed Council the H₂O Water Grant application in the amount of \$4,884,00.00 has been submitted and a lengthy discussion ensued concerning the Governor's budget cuts that may affect the amount of funds available for said grant.
Also discussed were the Perry Lane and the Conneauttee Bridge Projects. Engineer Halmi informed Council with PennDot's changes to the integral abutments for the Conneauttee Bridge, and PennDot will request a new Engineer's Agreement for the bridge type. These changes should include significant cost savings for the project. The Perry Lane Bridge plans were submitted to PennDot for review in January, that will keep the project on schedule. Bid requests will be in March, bids will be let in May, with construction to begin shortly thereafter. Council will need to formally accept the right-of-way acquisitions. Engineer Halmi presented a list of bidders for the PennDot Rest Stop Project. The following bids were received by 1:00 P.M. on Friday, February 13, 2009: Chivers Construction \$525,417.00; Kirila Contractors \$592,753.00; McLallen Construction \$820,707.35; Mortimers Excavating \$680,528.00; Marucci & Gaffney Excavating \$753,130.03; Fleming-Walker \$997,388.00; Wilson Excavating \$614,844.58; Greenland Excavating \$917,000.00; Rudzik Excavating \$769,445.45; Klinginsmith Enterprises \$1,218,648.00; S. St. George Enterprises \$797,106.00; and Continental Construction \$1,037,275.00. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Chivers Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER AUTHORITY Councilperson Campbell presented the Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Meeting and the monthly Flow Report.

EDINBORO LIASION Councilperson Campbell gave a verbal report on the Edinboro Borough's February 9, 2009 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. #1-09 It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Foulkrod, to approve Ordinance #1-09, allowing **EVFD COST** for Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department to recover costs associated with fire and emergency call-**RECOVERY** outs. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. #5-09 Manager Anthony presented Resolution #5-09, PennDot's supplemental agreement for the **PENNDOT/ CONNEAUTTEE** Conneauttee Bridge Project for Council's review. It was voted on motion by **BRIDGE SUPP.** Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Resolution #5-09 as presented. Motion carried **AGREEMENT** unanimously.

ISO REPORT Manager Anthony presented a copy of the ISO Report that covers the Township's fire suppression abilities. The report did not provide guidelines for which Council to determine the insurance costs affecting Township residents. Council will send the report to the Water Authority for review, and will request an explanation of said report from them.

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC STIMULUS Mayor Glass read a letter from Northwest Mayor's Association requesting Mayor Glass **SUPPORT LETTER** sign the support letter to be remitted the Senator Casey concerning economic stimulus for our region. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Foulkrod, to approve Mayor Glass signing the support letter. Voting in favor were Campbell, Foulkrod, and Glass. Voting opposed were Patterson and Stefano. Motion carried.

VISITORS None.

CONDOLENCES Vice-Mayor Foulkrod expressed his condolences for the passing Bob Gray, a long-time member of Edinboro Borough Council.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:22 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.