

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER Councilman Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 19, 2019 at 4:01 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA. Those present were Feikles, and Pernisek. Vice-Mayor Patterson was absent. Mayor Campbell arrived at 4:10 P.M. and resumed oversight of the meeting. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Administrator Norman Willow. Visitors were Lydia Laythe, David Wallace, Kathy Pernisek and Alex Topor.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion APPROVAL carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Pernisek, second by Feikles, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Council Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18251-18254 and manual check #18045, Sewer Fund #7737-7738, and payroll #16396-16401 and (Sewer) 10158. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Pernisek, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony gave the following verbal report: The Road Crew recently purchased a new set of cutting torches, the old set was purchased in the 1970's and needed replaced. The Terra-star truck fuel sensor problem has been repaired and all work was covered under warranty. The newly purchased tractor was missing some hydraulic hoses that connect the broom. The hoses have been installed and the front-mounted broom is ready for Spring sweeping.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions or enforcements to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEWER & WATER AUTH. No meeting. Councilman Feikles presented the monthly Flow Report.

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FIRE DEPT. Councilman Pernisek gave a verbal report on the Fire Department concerning the number of calls answered by the Fire Department over the last month.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Campbell announced the annual meeting will be in May at Nick's Place.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICE PROTECTION REPORT Councilman Glass presented a proposed State Police Tax in the amount of \$33 per person by Governor Wolf to offset the costs within the municipalities that rely on State Police for protection. Council discussed the issue and will continue to monitor the proposed tax.

2019 LAND USE MAP Manager Anthony presented a copy of the County's future land use map for Council's review. It was voted on motion by Pernisek, second by Glass, to inform Erie County Planning of the addition of Inspiration Park and change the said park to from a growth area to recreation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DRAFT ORD. #1-19 DEVELOPMENT STDS. Manager Anthony presented a draft of proposed Ordinance #1-19, amending development Standards to include the word "continuous" for Council's review. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Glass, to advertise for public hearing at the April 2, 2019 Council meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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DRAFT ORD. #2-19 Manager Anthony presented the draft Ordinance #2-19, providing tax credit for emergency service personnel, for Council's review. Ordinance #2-19 calls for Earned Income Tax **TAX CREDIT for EM. PERSONNEL** forgiveness for those firemen residing within Washington Township up to \$1,000.00 per year. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the annual funding that Washington Township already provides for the Fire Department and the proposed satellite station the Fire Department agreed to provide with the lease of the property at the Engine House 39 location. **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Glass, to directed Manager Anthony to craft a letter with the help of Solicitor Burroughs to the Fire Department asking for a written plan for the satellite station timeframe and will table draft Ordinance #2-19 until the Fire Department provides said timeframe. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #5-19 **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Glass, to approve Resolution #5-19, the 2019 **COUNTY AID** County Aid request, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WAINER PROPERTY APPRAISAL REPORT Manager Anthony presented a copy of the appraisal report of the 4 lots owned by Dr. Wainer, who considered selling said lots to Washington Township. The appraisals were in the amount of \$13,000.00 for all 4 lots. Dr. Wainer has declined to sell said lots at this time.

INSPIRATION PARK TIMBER SALE Manager Anthony presented a quote from Bimber's Forestry Service to broker the sale of the mature timber in Inspiration Park. The actual harvesting of said timber would be done by the bid process. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to advertise the timber sale for bid And open said bids on March 19, 2019 to be awarded at the bi-monthly Council meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2019 TAX WARRANT **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, seconded by Feikles, to approve the 2019 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$334,758.00 in taxes to be collected by Tax Collector Laurie Showman as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn at 4:28 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**