

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 2, 2021 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 Renick, Councilpersons Campbell and Laythe. Also present were Manager Anthony, Assistant Manager Willow, Zoning Officer Lovell, and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Lee Rexrode, Lisa Brinker and Tim Dillen.

**AGENDA** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, second by Laythe, to approve the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL** **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 19, 2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19363-19402 and manual check #19147, Water Fund #6224-6236, Sewer Fund #8140-8154, Developer's Fund #1112-1113, and payroll checks #16880-16890, (Water) 10084 and (Sewer)10207. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Laythe, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

The road crew had a situation with the wing plow of one of the International trucks slamming against the mirror and exhaust system when being raised. In certain conditions if the heel of the plow isn't raised at the right time and it happens to dig in, the end of the wing plow compensates for that and hydraulics cause it to come up too rapidly. It did cause damage to the mirror, dented the door and exhaust stack slightly. Upon return to the garage the crew immediately increased the bumper stop distance to be sure this won't happen again. The mirror was replaced on two trucks.

Water usage is still way down. We are hoping that the new Dunkin Donuts opening will increase consumption, but overall we are down in use considerably. Unfortunately, we still have regulations that have to be met with costly testing. It will have less wear and tear the system in general, but caution must be taken with spending from this department as we monitor the cash flow. It has started out the year on a positive note, but a single hit of a large expense could be a concern.

We are in the middle of supplying requested information for the yearly audit. State reports are being file in order to ensure our receipt of Liquid Fuels money. We do not anticipate any problems and hope to keep our cash reserves up in anticipation of the upcoming retirements that will draw that balance down somewhat.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented a letter from United Refining for a liquor license transfer to the Country Fair store located at 5985 Route 6N. **It was voted** on motion by Renick, second by Campbell, to set a public hearing date for the March 2, 2021 Council meeting at 7:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Lovell presented the Zoning monthly building report. Assistant Manager Willow presented the Rogers replot and the year-end building report/comparison report. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve the Rogers re-plot as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SOLICITOR'S/ ENGINEER'S REPORT** No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Councilperson Laythe presented the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilperson Campbell gave a verbal report on the last meeting.

**EMA** Assistant Manager Willow gave a verbal report of the January 8, 2021 meeting.

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**OLD BUSINESS** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss personnel issues. Council re-convened at 8:02 P.M.

**COUNCILPERSON** **It was voted** on motion by Laythe, second by Campbell, to appoint Lee Rexrode to fill  
**VACANCY VOTE** the vacant seat of resigned Councilman Patterson until the end of the term expiring December 31, 2021. **Voting in favor** were Laythe and Campbell. **Voting opposed** were Renick and Feikles.  
**Motion died due to lack of majority vote.** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, second by Feikles, to appoint Tim Dillen to fill the vacancy. **Voting in favor** were Renick and Feikles. **Voting opposed** were Laythe and Campbell. **Motion died due to lack of majority vote.** Council directed Manager Anthony to contact Vacancy Board Chair Jon Foulkrod to attend the next Council meeting in accordance with Pennsylvania Township Code to see if he can break the tie vote.

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Laythe, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:05 P.M.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**