

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on February 4, 2020 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, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Rick Chernicky, Karen Renick, Mark Eisert, Jeremy Peterson and Chris Gerhart.

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

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of January 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18790-18834, Water Fund #6102-6111, Sewer Fund #7934-7946, and payroll checks #16631-16640, (Water) 10076 and (Sewer)10182. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Amazingly enough the month of January didn't give us much of a challenge with the winter weather any more than December did. We had only one major event and just a handful of smaller ones. Although the weather has been quite wet, soaking the ground, our roads have fared well. We have been right on top of any potholes that may have appeared. Even those have been minimal up until this point. The lack of snow has allowed for some much needed rehabilitation work to be performed on our aging bucket loader. The crew also built and installed the western style sign for the entrance to Inspiration Park. I want to personally thank them for a job well done. With at least one more month or more of potentially heavy winter weather we will remain vigilant and prepared. Both our salt and antiskid use has been minimal and may be a cost savings along with the lesser amounts of overtime for this season.

The Sewer Department reports no major problems as of this correspondence. We are still waiting on the repairs to the lift station PLC that was previously reported on. We do anticipate that to be completed in the near future.

After some long search and destroy tactics, our Water Department and a team member from Verizon were able to finally track down the source of the ongoing telemetry problem. It appears that several small factors were the possible contributors to this predicament. Cracks in some aging wires and some poor connections at various locations throughout the wiring system appears to be the culprits. The weather during the last full weekend in January would have typically been a source of a major malfunction of that system, but problems were reported. Let's hope that we have overcome that one, at least for a while.

Inspiration and Wainer Parks have been busy during the short times of good snow cover. The skiing community is embracing the program and has had some good visitation. We continue to visualize future winter activities for the parks and how we can promote them to the community at large.

Manager Anthony verbally commented on the annual audit that should be completed soon.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly building report.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Vice-mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the draft minutes of the January 28, 2020 Reorganization meeting.

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**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilperson Campbell presented the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting.

**EMA** Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the January 3, 2020 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**AMBULANCE SERVICE CONCERNS UPDATE** Manager Anthony gave a verbal follow-up report on the ALS meeting. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to direct Manager Anthony to send follow-up letters requesting the fire departments meet and to try to draft a solution to the issue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**EMTA FUNDING COMMITMENT** Jeremy Peterson, director of the EMTA, spoke to Council addressing their concerns about the pass-through funding and ridership totals. No action required.

### NEW BUSINESS

**PROPOSED ORD. #1-20** **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to advertise Ordinance #1-20 for public hearing on March 17, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2019 TAX RECON.** Manager Anthony presented the 2019 tax reconciliation for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Laythe, to approve the tax reconciliation as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RES. #6-20 CAVANAH MEMORIAM** **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve Resolution #6-20, the Alexander Cavanah Memoriam, as presented. **Voting in favor** were Feikles and Campbell. **Voting opposed** were Patterson, Renick, and Laythe. **Motion died.** Campbell will draft a new Resolution and bring it back to Council for consideration.

**RES. #7-20 WEED SFT** **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve Resolution #7-20, the Weed small flow treatment plant, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MTG TIME CHANGE** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Laythe, to change the bi-monthly meeting time to 4:30 P.M. **Voting in favor** were Campbell and Laythe. **Voting opposed** were Patterson, Renick and Feikles. **Motion died.**

**VISITORS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:56 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**