

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 2, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 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 Renick, Councilperson Laythe and Councilmen Tim Dillen. Also present were Manager Anthony, Assistant Manager Willow, and Zoning Officer Lovell. Visitors were Shelly Boutte, Brad Postima, Julie Lokahi, Janice & James Glazer, Paul Rankin and Stephanie Thayer.

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

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Renick, second by Laythe, to approve the Minutes as presented for the Council Meeting of February 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. At the request of Councilperson Laythe, it was noted Mike Feikles did not wear a mask.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19410-19453 and manual check #19404, Water Fund #6237-6242, Sewer Fund #8156-8167, Developer's Fund #1114, and payroll checks #16899-16908, (Water) 10085 and (Sewer)10209. It was voted on motion by Rencik, second by Laythe, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT** *Due to the semi-retirement of the current Washington Township Manager, for updated reports for here forward will be entitle "Assistant Manager's Report" until such time as the he becomes officially the Washington Township Manager.* Thankfully we have been spared severe winter conditions, and weather forecasts call for milder conditions. The road crew has been keeping well ahead of snow fall and slick conditions, most roads have been kept bare down the center. The road department has had no mechanical problems. Preventative maintenance for all seasonal equipment is ongoing during their spare time between plowing. Weight limit signs will go up next week. The rate of spring thaw and unknown frost depth are always a concern at this time of year; as always, monitoring of roads for possible damage is ongoing. The water department had failure of a small check valve on the chlorination system. The chlorinator head and tubing got water inside, no water leaked from the system. The check valve and chlorinator were replaced with on-site spares. Joe has "dialed-in" the replaced chlorinator head, with only micro-tuning remaining. The water logged chlorinator head will be sent out for reconditioning. The sewer department is running as normal, no issues to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** -NONE

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Lovell presented the Zoning monthly building report. It was voted on motion by Renick, second by Feikles, to approve the Postema minor subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Renick, to approve the Glazier minor subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Renick, second by Lathe, to approve the Walker minor subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Minutes were unavailable.

**EMA** Minutes were unavailable.

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### OLD BUSINESS

**PROPOSED RES. #6-21** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, seconded by Dillen, to approve Resolution #6-21, the transfer of a liquor license for the Country Fair convenience store located on Route 6N. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**OPEN POSITIONS** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, seconded by Feikles to appoint Sean Kineston to a term on the Planning Commission starting April 1, 2021, it would end April 1, 2025, and appoint Lee Rexrode to a term on the Sewer/Water Authority starting April 1, 2021, it would end on April 1 2026. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick to reappoint Sam Kim to another term on the Planning Commission, it would end April 1 2025. **Motion carried unanimously.** **It was voted** on motion by Laythe, seconded by Renick to reappoint Janet Kelly, Karyn Puller and John Burawa to another term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Their terms would end April 1 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.** Council thanked Ken Myer for his service to the Township

### NEW BUSINESS

**2021 FUEL BID ADVERTISEMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, seconded by Dillen to approve the advertisement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2021 TAX DUPLICATE** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, seconded by Laythe, to approve the 2021 Tax Duplicate for Tax Collector Jon Foulkrod to collect the amount of \$340,237.38 in real estate taxes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PROPOSED AMMENDMENT TO SOLAR ORDINANCE** Laythe presented suggestions to consider amending the current solar ordinance, a lengthy discussion ensued. Topic was tabled for further discussion.

**VISITORS** Shelly Boutte, GMHS Baseball Booster President, asked Council to amend the sign ordinance to allow advertisement signs to be placed on school baseball/softball outfield fences during the school, little league and Legion baseball seasons. A lengthy discussion ensued. **It was voted** on motion by Dillen, seconded by Renick to directing Planning Commission to make recommendation to Council for possible changes. Voting in favor was Dill, Renick and Fiekles, voting opposed was Councilperson Laythe. **Motion carried due to a majority.**

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Renick, second by Dillen, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:09 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**