

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on March 3, 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, and Councilperson Laythe. Councilperson Campbell was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Rick Chernicky, Carl Siebing, John Purvis, Leon Wasielewski.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Feikles, seconded by Laythe, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of February 18, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18840-18880, Water Fund #6114-6123, Sewer Fund #7949-7964, State Fund #2129, Developer's Fund #1104, and payroll checks #16648-16657, (Water) 10077 and (Sewer)10184. It was voted on motion by Renick, second by Laythe, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

This is one of the mildest winters we have experienced in a lot of years; this has helped with overtime costs and of course winter maintenance material use. This has also reduced wear and tear on the majority of our trucks too. We are having electrical problems with the small International's four-wheel drive function. Our crew has looked at this hard but it appears that someone with more automobile electrical background may be needed to run this problem down. The warmer weather is allowing us the opportunity to patch some potholes. We are fortunate that we do not as of yet have any large holes, but we do have some significant problems with the shared portion of Eureka Road south of 6N. The crew has been working diligently on the rehabilitation of our late 90's CAT 950 loader. It has been painted and new stickers added along with some overdue maintenance like belts, etc.

We have begun the preparing for the Inspiration Park project for this year. We have purchased 2000 tons of asphalt millings from PennDOT for roadways and trails. A stockpile of woods chips has been started and we have ordered the some of the picnic area materials like grills and fire rings. Parks Department is building the picnic tables and constructing the benches. All of this is part of the ECGRA grant that we received last year. We are in discussion with the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department about the four lots that they are purchasing from Dr. Wainer. If you recall, we wanted to purchase them, but due to state requirements, we were not able to come to an equitable arrangement. This is a great opportunity to add these lots to Inspiration Park. I will be approaching Council in the future about this as we continue discussions about the future of this area.

The Water Department has been spending time dissecting a water pressure problem at the Edinboro Elementary School. It appears that various pressure systems were needing reset and a couple of valves were malfunctioning. Hats off to our operator for his vast understanding of the water system and his desire to have these things operating as they should. We value all of our customers and strive to offer good water at a fair price with great service behind it.

Manager Anthony also advised Council on the Fire Department's acquirement of the Dr. Wainer's 4 lots along Washington Drive. The Manager proposes a 99-year lease by the Township of the 4 lots and moving the Township's current stormwater detention located at the entrance of Engine 39 to Inspiration Park, at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00. The Fire Department will pay for any legal fees for both leases. This would provide more parking for Engine 39. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Renick, to have the attorneys prepare the leases for Council's consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Council directed Manager Anthony to draft an email to the Borough of Edinboro requesting a meeting to discuss a proposed joint water and sewer authority.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

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

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SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER’S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilperson Campbell was absent. No report.

EMA Mayor Patterson presented the Minutes of the February 7, 2020 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ASPHALT ZIPPER SALE Manager Anthony requested Council to advertise for sale the 2010 Asphalt Zipper on Muncibid. **It was voted** on motion by Renick, seconded by Laythe, to advertise the Zipper as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED RES. #5-20 **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve Resolution #5-20, the transfer of a liquor license for the Sheetz convenience store located on Route 6N. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #9-20 SOLAR FARM MEMORIAM John Purvis and Carl Siebing, representing the solar energy industry, addressed Council regarding proposed Resolution #9-20 and a proposed solar energy farm to be located in Washington Township. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve Resolution #9-20, the solar farm moratorium for 180 days as presented, to give the Township time to prepare an ordinance addressing solar farms. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2020 TAX DUPLICATE **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve the 2020 Tax Duplicate for Tax Collector Jon Foulkrod to collect the amount of \$337,176.11 in real estate taxes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:08P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**