

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 6, 2010

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order April 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

ORDER at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson. Vice-Mayor Campbell and Councilman Feikles were absent. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Amber Wellington, Shirley Berchtold, Harriet Waldinger, Dennis Waldinger, Nancy Weil, Gregg Weil, Brenda Cannell, Ron Klonicki, and Royce Horn.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12818-12872, Water Fund #4732-4747 and manual check #4727, Sewer Fund #5822-5842 and manual check #5817, State check #2016, CDBG checks #598-599, payroll checks #1000038, 10000157, #995551-995563, and miscellaneous check and payroll pre-approval. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The pre-approved checks are to cover payroll and other miscellaneous bills during the month of April due to the cancellation of the April 19, 2010 Council meeting. Three Council members will be attending the PSATS Convention in Harrisburg on April 19th, therefore which there would not be a quorum for a Council Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Although we have seen springtime road conditions far worse than we are currently experiencing, this season appears to be tough on several key roads. At this time, Florek Road, (north of Capp), Arneman, portions of Lay and Fry Roads are in very poor shape. Unfortunately, the only recourse for these roads may be for reclamation as we did on Hamilton a few years ago. This process grinds up and mixes existing material down deep and then relays it behind. It does require an overlay soon thereafter as well. This would effectively consume all our road maintenance budget funding without consideration to other areas. We haven't crunched any numbers yet and we are still dealing with the frost coming out of the ground. The situation on Fry is somewhat more difficult as it is a shared road with Franklin Township. We do receive there liquid fuels funding for this portion, but that will not begin to cover the cost for such a project.

Several gravel roads deteriorated this spring as well. McLaughlin Road was hard hit, but the good news is that the Portland Cement Reclamation project funded by Federal stimulus money via the Erie County Soil Conservation District is scheduled to start in May. This will effectively transform this rural road into a solid foundation for traffic. Wetsell Ridge is another that is poor as well as the gravel portion of Fry Road, which again is a shared road with Franklin Township. During the month of April we will be monitoring the overall situation and reporting to Council in May with our recommendation for road projects.

The Sewer Department is reviewing various options with the existing buildings to determine the best direction to take for future improvements to this old structures. In addition, a review for a possible major I&I project for 2011 is being considered.

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants in April and reports no major problems at this time.

Manager Anthony informed Council the Senior Citizens decided not to hold their meetings at the Township's Administration Building. Also discussed was the re-hire of Wastewater Plant Operator Norman Willow, but in a new temporary, part-time position. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve the re-hiring of Mr. Willow at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. After a discussion, the motion was amended that Mr. Willow be paid is previous pay rate upon his re-hiring. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A PSATS letter of proposed resolutions to be considered at the upcoming State Convention, a letter from Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency concerning an application for low-income housing on Marketplace Drive, a letter from Ron and Carol Klonicki concerning zoning, and a letter from Thomas Shelow concerning snow plowing. It was noted the letter from the PA Finance Agency stated the application for funding was for low-income

housing. Zoning Officer Carcella clarified the low-income housing is strictly for senior citizens, those being residents 55 or older.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Rupp minor subdivision #2-10 and the Monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Glass, to approve the Rupp subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Minutes of the March 23, 2010 Meeting. Zoning Officer Carcella updated Council on recent proposed floodplain updates being considered by FEMA. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Stefano, to notify via mail all residents affected by the proposed FEMA floodplain changes. Motion carried unanimously. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the proposed changes and the Township's current regulations. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Stefano, to have the Township's regulations revised to mirror those of the proposed FEMA base flood elevations. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Stefano, to have the Township's regulations revised to mirror those of the proposed FEMA requirements for an accessory structure dimension of 100 square feet. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Glass, to draft a proposed ordinance to remove salvage yards from A-1 zoning. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Meeting.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No Report.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Meeting.

VETS PARK No report.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMM. Mayor Glass directed Manager Anthony to send a letter to Mike Dudenhoefer thanking him **APPOINTMENT** for serving on the Township's Planning Commission and notifying him he will not be re-appointed at this time. Council discussed appointments to various Boards, Commissions, and Committees. A discussion ensued concerning applicants and future procedures for said appointments. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Stefano, to institute a quasi-interview process for said applicants prior to appointments. The motion was amended to include that applicant's should include of a personal biography with their request. Motion carried unanimously.

MATERIALS BIDS OPENING Bids for the following materials were received:

Fuel at rack price March 31st, 2010 for 6,000 gallons unleaded and 15,000 gallons #2 blended diesel, delivered:

Erie Petroleum \$2.4203 gasoline \$2.3672 diesel

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Reed Harned Oil Products \$2.3050 gasoline \$2.3338 diesel

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the bid from Reed Harned Oil.

Motion carried unanimously.

Emulsion (MC-70) @ 25,000 gallons:

Russell Std. \$3.109/gal applied

Suit-Cote \$3.100/ gal applied

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the bid from Suit Kote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Cold patch @ 300 Ton:

Russell Std. \$71.50/ton FOB \$76.50 delivered

Suit-Cote \$69.50/ton FOB \$72.95 delivered

It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the bid from Suit Kote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINES

CDBG RFP **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Stefano, to accept the RFP from the Quinn Firm

LEGAL SERVICES for legal services to the CDBG Program as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Brian Zimmerman of the Edinboro Lake Watershed Foundation addressed Council concerning the spraying for weeds of Edinboro Lake, as a representative of the Watershed Association and the Association's recommendations for spraying. Mr. Zimmerman then gave his personal opinions as a resident who uses the lake and its boat channels. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Stefano, to direct the Manager to apply for a DEP permit to apply herbicides within pre-determined areas and get a quote on the costs of said spraying from Aquatic Environmental Consultants.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**