

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on April 6, 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 Campbell, Councilperson Laythe and Councilmen Tim Dillen. Also present were Manager Anthony, Assistant Manager Willow, and Zoning Officer Lovell. Visitors were Robin & Lewis Skelton, Mark Eisert, Jan Marcinowski, Dorothy Cokinos, Shelly Boutte, Pam Nolan, Michael Prihoda and Scott Rastetter.

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

COUNCIL A motion by Laythe to edit the minutes failed due to lack of a second. It was voted on motion by
MINUTES Renick, second by Dillen, to approve the Minutes as presented for the Council Meeting of March 16, 2021. Voting in favor were Renick, Dillen and Feikles, Laythe voted against, Campbell Abstained. Motion carried due to majority.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19459-19509, Water Fund #6243-6256, Sewer Fund #8169-8184, and payroll checks #16919-16931, (Water) 10086 and (Sewer)10211. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT

The skid steer was first put into service on Woodbriar and Old Oliver for the removal of what is best described as "berm ridge" from years of antiskid build up. The ridge restricts water from draining directly into the ditch. The skid steer's compact design allows for clean berm, requiring very little raking. They have been cleaning up the berms throughout the northwest corner of the Township and will proceed around the township.

High winds on March 26th resulted in numerous downed trees blocking the roads. Crews responded quickly, getting trees cut up and pushed off the roads. A tree also fell across the sewer plant fence. Tree was removed from fence, most of which was run through the chipper. Kevin is getting prices for repair. Replacement culvert pipes for Zessinger Road project were delivered to the site on March 30th; this is an April project, specific timing will depend on the weather; anticipate road will only need to be closed 1 day. Hydrant flushing will begin on Sunday night April 18th, for 3 nights. Because of the unusually dry/warm weather, sewer plant flows are well below normal.

CORRESPONDENCE - BOROUGH JULY 3RD FIREWORKS EVENT DONATION REQUEST; It was voted on a motion by Campbell to donate \$1,000.00 for the fireworks, seconded by Laythe, Voting in favor were Campbell, Laythe and Feikles, Dillen and Renick voted against. Motion carried due to majority.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Lovell presented the Zoning monthly building report. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve the Skelton 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 March 16, 2021 meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Minutes were unavailable.

EMA Councilman Renick presented the minutes of the March 5, 2021 meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

2021 FUEL BIDS The following bids were received for 2021 fuel:

Centerra Co-op: Rack price, delivered; Diesel: 1.99/gallon; Gasoline: 2.12/gallon; Melzers submitted a diesel only bid. **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to approve the bid from Centerra Co-Op from Burton, Ohio as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CBA PROPOSED AMMENDMENT TO SOLAR ORDINANCE

After discussion **It was voted** a motion by Laythe, seconded by Campbell, to schedule a workshop to consider amending the current solar ordinance to include Community Benefit Agreement. **Voting in favor were Laythe & Campbell; Feikles, Dillen and Renick voted against. Motion failed due to lack of majority.**

OPEN POSITIONS

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Laythe to accept the resignation of Sean Kineston from the Planning Commission. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick to appoint Lee Rexrode to the Planning Commission starting April 6, 2021, it would end April 1, 2025. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

2020 AUDIT

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Laythe, to approve the 2020 Audit. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ORD. #1-21: NO PARKING, STOP AND BANNER SIGNS

After discussing the proposed ordinance change for signs, **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Dillen to schedule a public hearing on May 4, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. to adopt the proposed ordinance changes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

INTER-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to approve both of the Intergovernmental Agreements with Franklin and Elk Creek Townships. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EXONERATION OF DELINQUENT TRAILER PROPERTY TAXES

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve proposed exoneration of taxes for a dilapidated mobile home in Wiley's MHP. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS

Pam Nolan, 2601 Rice Road, commented on Community Benefit Agreements.

ADJOURNMENT

It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:49 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**