

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 4, 2010

CALL TO Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order May 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Those present were Vice-Mayor Campbell, Councilmen Patterson and Feikles. Absent was Councilman Stefano. Also present were Solicitor Burroughs, Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Amber Wellington, Amy Malone, Chuck Wetsell, Pauline Wetsell, Shirley Burton, James Vanstone, Judy Walkiewicz, Tom Walkiewicz, Sherri Juliano, Harry Glunt, Brenda Cannell, and Charles Wellman.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Agenda with the move-up **APPROVAL** of #13 Visitors after the Secretary's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve the Minutes of the April 6, **MINUTES** 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12873-12921 and manual checks **REPORT** #12711, 12815-12817, 12868, Water Fund #4748-4755 and manual checks #4699-4700, Sewer Fund #5843-5859 and manual checks #5779-5780, 5818, CDBG checks #601-604, payroll checks #10000039, 10000159, #995568-995578, and miscellaneous check and payroll pre-approval. It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew has spent the entire month of April repairing damage to the roads from the winter. It has been necessary to dig many of the soft areas up and replace it with adequate gravel. All of these areas will need to have asphalt placed over them this year. At least one neighboring municipality has been forced to return paved roads to gravel due to the amount of damaged they received and the limited funds available for repairs. Fry Road was particularly hard hit, but others suffered similar damage. We have lightly graded the gravel roads but will address them later in the year, as the primary concern now is to make the paved roads safe. This labor- intense, and time-consuming process uses large amounts of gravel and cold patch that are expensive, taking away funds that would have been used to improve roads had the damage not occurred. Once we have a handle on the repairs, we will formulate a list for paving of damaged areas and see what funds if any remain for gravel road repair and improvements. With the completion of the reclamation project on McLaughlin and Plank Roads, this will reduce maintenance on those roads for a while, allowing other areas to be repaired.

Hydrant flushing was successful and completed over a series of late nights for the crew. No major problems were encountered and better communication with the I-79 hotel proved to be helpful in maintaining their service throughout the process. With the return of Mr. Willow, general cleanup and organizing at the Sewer Plant has resumed during the morning hours and afternoons are spent on Park maintenance. This has already made the tasks of mowing during the early heavy growth period easier to manage.

We are nearing the completion of the back-up generator installation at the Kline Road Treatment Plant. This was donated to the Township by the Erie Airport, and installed with CDBG money. The process was stalled due to having to reallocate CDBG funding. The last step is the replacement of 32-volt batteries and then the initial start-up. Once completed, this will greatly improve the overall efficiency of this plant.

Manager Anthony informed Council of road conditions and damage from the winter and will bring back to the next meeting a detailed list of needed road repairs and costs for said repairs for Council's consideration.

Manager Anthony informed Council of the need to change the date of the next Council meeting because of Primary Election Day use of the Administration Building. It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to move the May 18, 2010 Council meeting to Monday, May 17, 2010, due to Primary Election Day. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Jon Foulkrod concerning Erie County 911's response time, an ECATO Yearbook notification, the ISO Report, a letter from Frank Barger concerning a Board position for REA Electric, and a thank-you letter from Mike Dudenhofer for his term on the Planning Commission. No action required.

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ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Wellman Land Development Plan, Pine Creek

Ranch subdivision, the Mahoney subdivision, the Monthly Building Report, the Mahoney Developer's Agreement for Council's consideration, and to set a public hearing for the conditional use for the American Legion located on Route 6N.

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Wellman Land Development Plan as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Council was advised by Solicitor Burroughs concerning the request from Sherri Juliano, owner of the Pine Creek Ranch, to have Ms. Juliano and Shirley Burton, sole owners of the two parcels involved with an encroachment on land to be subdivided to have a written agreement to be prepared to present to Council by the next meeting addressing the re-plot of property lines prior to granting preliminary approval of the subdivision as requested.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to grant preliminary approval the Mahoney subdivision as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to approve the Mahoney Developer's Agreement as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Campbell, to set the American Legion conditional use #2-10 public hearing for June 15, 2010 at 4:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Glass, to apply for the northwest Commission Greenspace Grant for the American Legion's planned parks area located on Route 6N, as long as the American Legion complete the application and all related grant requirements. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs informed Council the Kranick Construction suit has been filed and the parties will be responding to it and presented Resolution #10-10, to authorize the Conneauttee Bridge Condemnation, for Council's review.

It was voted on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to request the property owner reimburse Washington Township for any incurred legal fees associated with the land and easement acquisition the Conneauttee Bridge due to condemnation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Patterson, to approve Resolution #10-10 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Feikles presented the Minutes of the April 27, 2010 Meeting.

It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Feikles, to appoint Darrell Brannon to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission, commencing immediately and expiring April 1, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ZONING HEARING BOARD Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the April 20, 2010 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION No report.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON Vice-Mayor Campbell reported on the April 12, 2010 Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Glass gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

VETS PARK Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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TRUCK/ TANKS BIDS OPENING No bids were received for the 1981 International pump truck and 1 bid each for the two 20,000 gallon steel tanks.

Mike McNabb, bid for 2 tanks at \$1,000.00 each, \$2,000.00 total

It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Feikles, to approve the bid from Mike McNabb.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY Manager Anthony presented a letter sent to Girard Township Supervisors requesting they consider
MAGT. UPDATE a joint Emergency Management Coordinator, a paid position funded by those municipalities of the agreement. **No action required.**

FRY ROAD Manager Anthony informed Council that he addressed Franklin Township Supervisors to consider
UPDATE allotting funds for repairs to Fry Road, which is a shared road between the two townships.

HOUSING REHAB UPDATE Manager Anthony presented photos of the Geraldine Walters' housing Rehabilitation project and the thank-you note received from Mrs. Walters for the work completed.

NEW BUSINES None.

VISITORS Tom Walkiewicz and Chuck Wetsell addressed Council on the condition of Wetsell Road.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:38 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**