

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on May 5, 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, Councilman Renick and Councilperson Campbell. Councilperson Laythe and attended via phone. Also present were Manager Anthony and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitor was Mark Eisert.

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 Campbell, seconded by Laythe, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of April 21, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #18929-18961, Water Fund #6139-6147, Sewer Fund #7983-7997, Developer's Fund #1106, and payroll checks #16685-16695, (Water) 10079 and (Sewer)10188. It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Renick, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

Washington Township is trying hard to make the operation work during this pandemic situation. All crews are now working 40 hours and public utility personnel are back to normal hours as well. The office continues to work staggered days and shorter hours.

The Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department paid for a tree that was planted at Wainer Park in memory of Sonny Frick who recently passed away. Sonny was a lifetime member of the department and also a former Township employee. The tree is a native white oak and was purchased locally by the department.

We have joined a class action law suit concerning the repairs to the 2013 International tandem evolving the EGR valve and cooler replacement that we did in-house last September. We may be able to recoup some of costs due that expense. I will keep Council informed of the progress.

Engine House 39 has provided us with some workers to gather brush and debris at Inspiration Park. This will get the area cleaned up sooner and we certainly do appreciate the hands to get his completed.

Kelly Latimer of the Quad Bike Race informed us that the date of the race has been moved to possibly August 2 of this year, although the race may take a different form than in the past to provide for safety during the pandemic. We will coordinate with them our roads that will be chipped in order have the roads in best condition for the event.

We encourage the use of our outside drop box for payments or the online process. We monitor our calls on a daily basis and for the most part the response from the public has been acceptable. It has been a difficult situation that we are trying hard to deal with and we hope the residents of Washington Township remain safe.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: A letter from Erie County concerning reimbursement for bridge inspections and a letter from Erie County concerning their Parks and Recreation Plan. Erie County will reimburse the Township \$4,930.20 for inspection costs.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow was absent; Manager Anthony presented the monthly building report.

SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION No meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION No meeting.

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EMA No Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY LODGING AGREEMENTS Manager Anthony presented 3 agreements for Covid-19 isolation in the event an emergency responder is exposed to said virus. The contracts are with Comfort Inn, Flip's Café, and Edinboro Hotel for food and lodging as needed. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve the agreements as presented. **Voting in favor** were Patterson, Renick, and Campbell. **Voting opposed** was Feikles. **Abstaining** was Laythe due a conflict with Flip's Café. **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

RES. #10-20 TAX RELIEF Manager Anthony presented proposed Resolution #10-20, property tax relief, for Council's consideration. **It was voted** on motion by Renick, seconded by Feikles, to approve Resolution #10-20, delaying tax penalties until December 31, 2020 due to COVID-19 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

GM TENNIS COURTS Councilperson Campbell asked Council to consider taking over the General McLane tennis courts and maintain them for use. General McLane no longer has a tennis team and will not expend monies to restore or maintain the courts. Council was not interested in expending funds for said maintenance and upkeep.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Feikles, seconded by Renick, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:27 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**