

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on May 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were, Councilmen Glass and Patterson. Absent were Vice-Mayor Stefano Councilperson Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Carcella. Visitors were Cassandra Ahren.

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

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of April 14, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2008 Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #10962-11017 and manual check #10847, Water Fund #3861-3875 and manual Water check #3810, Sewer Fund #4542-4558 and manual Sewer check #4487, Developer's checks #320-323, State checks #1769-1770, Wainer Park checks #1041-1042, payroll checks#10000015, 10000073-10000074, #995209-995217, and CDBG checks #534-539. It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew has completed the spring sweeping of the roads. Approximately 7 truckloads of antiskid were cleaned up and re-deposited in the existing pile for next year's use. A considerable amount of ditching has been completed with more to come. Be aware that ditching is not well received by most residents, particularly those that are located in densely populated areas with manicured lawns. Unfortunately and open ditch is the very best technique for drainage along roadways. The cost of pipe and catch basins along with the time and labor required to install and maintain them is cost prohibitive. Residents can have them installed on their own as long as a permit and review is completed by the Township. The equipment trailer has been purchased and is currently awaiting a proper Municipal license plate. This will be a welcome addition to our operation.

We have purchased a credit card machine that will allow for payments to made to our various funds. This has been requested for many years and now we feel confident that the benefit and convenience that it offers both the Township and the customers outweighs the expense of ownership and operation of the equipment. The Water System has completed flushing of hydrants this past week as part of the ongoing preventative maintenance and no problems were reported. This is done at night to minimize disturbance to households. We continue to have an outstanding product to offer our customers.

The Sewer System is researching the possibility of installing pipes to allow for redirecting of flow from lift stations in the event of an emergency. This would utilize the diesel pump that was recently purchased with the Boro of Edinboro. It is anticipated that the old pump truck may be sold to garner more revenue for this proposed upgrade.

Council discussed the proposed purchase of an equipment trailer to transport the Township's heavy equipment. Council directed Manager Anthony to research costs and report back at the next meeting. Mayor Foulkrod appointed Patterson and Glass to a Personnel Policy Review Committee for updating the current policy.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a letter from Brenda Evans concerning dust on Fry Road and a letter from Erie County concerning homestead/ farmstead values. No action was required.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to report, but presented the monthly Building Permit Report .

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the April 29, 2008 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Vice-Mayor Stefano was absent; Mayor Foulkrod presented the Minutes of the March 27, 2008 Meeting, the Minutes of the April 24, 2008 Meeting, and the Yearbook Dinner announcement.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilperson Patterson presented the Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON Councilperson Campbell was absent; no report.

WATERSHED ASSOCIATION No report.

VETS PARK No meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED Manager Anthony presented proposed Ordinance #3-08, in-ground septic system maintenance, **ORD. #3-08** for Council's review. Council directed Manager Anthony to bring the proposed ordinance back to Council when all Council is present for consideration.

6N CORR. MTG. Manager Anthony informed Council of the upcoming 6N Corridor Meeting on May 20, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the General McLane High School.

PLAQUE QUOTE Manager Anthony presented a quote for a brass plaque honoring those who served on the Veterans Memorial Park Committee. The quote received from Dinn Brothers in the amount of \$603.00 for a 12" x 14" bronze tablet. Council directed Manager Anthony to get other quotes for review at the next Council Meeting.

ORD. #2-08 It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve Ordinance #2-08, land **LAND DEV. PLAN** development plan amendments, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINES

RES. #10-08 It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to approve Resolution #10-08, tax **TAX EXONER.** Exoneration, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ROADS Manager Anthony presented a list of roads projects for Council's review. Manager Anthony suggested **PROJECTS** joint-bidding with other municipalities as in past years, bidding. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to advertise for bid the road materials for said projects. Motion carried unanimously.

'08/ '09 PLOWING It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the snowplowing **AGREEMENT** agreement with Franklin Township as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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SERVER Manager Anthony presented a computer server quote from Gould Computers in the amount of **QUOTE** \$4,251.00. Councilman Glass questioned the server's capacity. Council directed Manager Anthony to get other quotes and report at the next Meeting.

ALCOHOL Councilman Patterson discussed a proposed tax on all alcohol sold within Washington Township. **TAX** A motion was made by Patterson to an alcohol tax and use the revenue for the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Glass, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:38 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**