

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Feikles called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 17, 2021, at 4:30 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA. Those present were Vice-Mayor Renick, Councilperson Campbell, Councilperson Laythe, and Councilman Dillen. Also attending were Manager Willow, Zoning Administrator Lovell, and Borough of Edinboro Council Representative Mark Eisert

AGENDA APPROVAL: It was voted on a motion by Campbell, second by Renick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES: It was voted on a motion by Renick, second by Dillen, to approve the Minutes of the August 3rd, 2021 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19710-19714, Sewer Fund #8259, payroll #17019-17028, and (Sewer) #10222-10223. It was voted on a motion by Renick, second by Laythe, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Post-tar and chip road sweeping is underway. • GM School district submitted their grant application for broadband expansion to the Emergency Connectivity Fund on August 13th, Will likely take 60 – 90 days to hear back. The plan includes Students, teachers, and IU Specialists who live in Washington Township. • Rick Scaletta will reach out to members of the Edinboro Borough Council to determine if the Borough's Post-Kevin Oppe atmosphere has changed regarding the water agreement. • Kevin Taylor filed for unemployment compensation the week of June 13th. Our appeal was filed on August 12th by Ned Hoffmeister of Interstate Tax Services, Hearing has not been scheduled yet. • Council authorized Manager Willow to contact Solicitor Schmidt to discuss particulars of Zoning Map Change requests.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Zoning Officer Lovell gave a verbal complaint report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SEWER & WATER AUTH. There was no meeting.

EDINBORO LIASON Councilperson Campbell provided a verbal report for two previous meetings.

FIRE DEPT. Vice-Mayor Renick gave a verbal report on the fire department and Engine House 39.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Councilperson Laythe gave a verbal report.

PARKS & RECREATION Councilperson Laythe presented the 8-3-2021 meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: After a lengthy discussion spanning 3 different Council meetings, It was voted on a motion from Feikles, seconded by Renick, to deny Former Manager David Anthony's request to have Washington Township pay his mini-COBRA health insurance premium until he reaches the age of 65. Motion carried unanimously. David and Council had an agreed-upon compensation package that did not include a provision for mini-COBRA health insurance premium payment upon his separation. David chose to leave early and he cannot renegotiate the inclusion of the mini-COBRA payment after the fact.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

VISITORS COMMENTS: Mark Eisert spoke of the recent Manager change and the Borough Council's interest in working together to share services where appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT: It was voted on a motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to adjourn at 5:20 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.