

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on August 4, 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 Councilpersons Laythe and Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Arthur Meade, Brian Pollard, Kirsten Pollard, Michael Bucell, Trish Skelton, Terry Skelton, Jay Marcinowski, Brian Arneman, Phyllis Woods, Gerrard Woods, Brian Pitzer, Cathy Hutchison, Mark Hutchison, Mike Holman, Kurt Hopkins, Lisa Arneman, Michael Allison, Jessica Brown, Jason Brown, Marshall Piccinini, Terry Kilburn, Tom Stine, Linda King, Linda Travis, Jennifer Smith, Matti Kashey, Mike Kashey, Virginia Hajewski, Thomas Hajewski, Pamela Nolan, John Hynes, Chris Laythe, Elizabeth Wellman, David Wellman, Brandon Johnston, Justin Mason, Maura Mercurio, Caleb Elder, Monica Meyer, and Tim Elder.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve the Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Renick, seconded by Laythe, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of July 21, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19067-19103 and manual check #19060, Water Fund #6168-6174, Sewer Fund #8038-8057, and State fund check #2132, Developer's check #1107, payroll checks #16744-16755, (Water) 10082 and (Sewer)10194. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Laythe, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Crew is continuing our cooperative arrangement with LeBoeuf Township. They have hauled antiskid for us and we provide trucks to help with their placement of millings. It is a win/win for both of us and fosters good relationships with our neighbors. We are continuing our roadside mowing. We have received a number of complaints from citizens concerning intersections on State roads and site distance restrictions due to overgrowth of brush etc. Unfortunately, we cannot operate on the State roads. We encourage citizens to call PennDOT and lodge a complaint. They now subcontract this out and do not respond to individual requests like they used to. It can be frustrating but we must abide by the rules. If we were to do some work on a State road and an incident of some sort occurred, we would be held liable. We are catching up on some overdue ditching on various roads. We get requests regularly from citizens and have a schedule of those that need attention. We anticipate the yearly seal coating process to be completed sometime in early August. We have opted to have crack sealing done on Fry Road north of 6N to Crane Road. We understand it may be used as a by-pass by PennDOT in the future when the intersection of Rt 99 and 6N are rehabbed. We will monitor this situation to make sure that the integrity of the road is not comprised at that time with the increase of traffic.

The Sewer Department had to replace the air conditioner in the main pump building. With the summer heat and increase in operating temperatures, it caused the pump to shut down. The building is quite small and requires very little to keep it cool, but it is mandatory to do so for reasons stated.

The Water Department has had to make some repairs and improvements to the chorine injection system. This is almost an annual event and we are looking into purchasing an updated system for 2021. We are pumping well number 2 now as required by the State. Interestingly enough, each well requires slightly different treatment prior to entering the system, but each are well within the guidelines and this insures that both are ready at all times when needed.

Parks Department continues to work on Inspiration Park. The large grill and fire ring have been installed at the newly constructed pavilion. The other picnic areas have been designated and will be constructed hopefully in August.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Willow had no subdivisions to report but presented the monthly building report.

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SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Vice-Mayor Feikles presented the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilperson Campbell presented an ECATO picnic sign-up sheet, informing Council the picnic will be limited to 25 people and may be cancelled if COVID issues worsen.

EMA Mayor Patterson presented the minutes of the July 10, 2020 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM ORDINANCE It was voted on motion by Feikles, second by Renick, to table Ordinance #3-20, Solar Farms, to discuss at a Council Workshop on August 26, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ONLINE/ REMOTE MTG ENGAGEMENT Councilperson Laythe suggested Council consider online streaming video of the Council meetings/ public hearings/ workshops for those residents affected by COVID. Council will discuss at a future meeting.

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.