

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Glass called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 1, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Foulkrod, Councilmen Stefano and Patterson and Councilwoman Campbell. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, and Zoning Officer Carcella and Solicitor Paul Burroughs. Visitors were Amber Wellington and Brian Zimmerman.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Agenda with the move up Brian Zimmerman after 6 and delete Visitor Bunny Bucho. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the monthly Council Meeting of August 18, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #12433-12479 and manual check #11460, Water Fund checks #4621-4634 and manual check #4002, Sewer Fund #5662-5676 and manual check #4705, State checks #2011-2012, and payroll checks #10000031, 10000137-10000138, #995449-995460. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The Road Department is currently going over the trucks in anticipation of the Winter plowing season. Some major repairs will have to be accomplished prior to that time of year. This includes some pump replacements and a significant purchase of snowplow cutting edges and spreader parts. The frame of the Ford one-ton needs to be welded where the dump box lifts from the pivot point. The 2008-09 season was hard on equipment and we want to be prepared for the onslaught once again this year. We will need to update one of the current plows as well.

We received the County Bridge Report on those bridges in Washington Township that are regularly inspected. A copy is available at my office for those that wish to review. I have supplied the Road Foreman and our Engineer with specifics as to future repairs. I am happy to report that none are in major disrepair at this time. This report doesn't include Perry Lane or Conneauttee Bridges, as they are not functional and obviously are in the reconstruction mode. The Perry Lane Bridge has been removed and construction has begun.

We anticipate substantial completion of the long over-due sewage project the week of September 7, 2009. This essentially will remove the ban on new EDU's by the DEP and satisfy all the requirements that have implemented on us. Some critical functions will occur at our current plant to allow for a smooth transition from a treatment facility to a lift station. After a breaking-in period of the new system, we should be able to return to serious I & I investigations.

The Water Department reports nothing of major concern, but it should be noted that due to no new connections in this department and continual increase in costs associated with it's services, that balance budgeting for 2010 will be difficult under current rates. These rates have never increased since its inception in 1995. Council has mentioned the possible merger of the Sewer and Water Departments and Authorities in the past. It may be time to consider that once again.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Kelly subdivision re-plot #3-09 and the monthly Building Report. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Kelly subdivision re-plot as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer Carcella also informed Council of a demolished home on Gibson Hill Road that will be replaced with new construction on Shechinah Drive. This new home will request at a future meeting sewer service provided by Edinboro Borough in compliance with the 50,000 Gallon Agreement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Solicitor Burroughs had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Glass presented the Minutes of the August 25, 2009 Meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD No Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION Councilman Stefano presented the Minutes of the July 30, 2009 Meeting. He informed Council of the upcoming ECATO Convention to be held October 22, 2009 at Nick's Place.

EDINBORO VFD Vice-Mayor Foulkrod gave a verbal report of the last Meeting.

WATER AUTHORITY No meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Brian Zimmerman addressed Council concerning the Edinboro Lake Watershed Association Management Plan.

VETS PARK Councilman Patterson presented an email concerning the addition of a new Vets Memorial Park Committee member Robert Ekelund. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to appoint Mr. Ekelund to the Committee as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

RES. #19-09 **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution #19-09, **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** accepting the gravel and dirt roads improvement grant as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #21-09 NW SAVINGS PROPOSAL Manager Anthony presented a proposal from Northwest Savings Bank for Council's review. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Glass, to appoint Northwest Savings as the depository for Washington Township. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ORD. #2-09 CODE AMEND. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve Ordinance #2-09, amending the Washington Township Code §150 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

2010 PMRS OBLIGATION **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve the 2010 PMRS Executive Directive as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RES. #20-19TAX EXONERATION **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the tax exoneration as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

HR REGS Manager Anthony presented proposed updates to the Washington Township housing Rehabilitation Guidelines, that coincide with the HUD and Township regulations concerning bidding and quote purchases. **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the updates as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS None.

ADJOURNMENT **It was voted** on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:16 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

