

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Patterson called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Councilman Renick, and Councilpersons Laythe and Campbell. Vice-Mayor Feikles was absent. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Officer Willow. Visitors were Sam Baylor, Joe Buffalino, Tim Dillen and Chuck Kanaar.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** **It was voted** on motion by Laythe, seconded by Renick, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 11D2, EMA Coordinator. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**COUNCIL MINUTES** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of August 18, 2020. **Motion carried unanimously. It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2020 public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #19109-19144 and manual check #19062, Water Fund #6175-6181, Sewer Fund #8059-8071, and State Fund check #2133, payroll checks #16765-16775, (Water) 10083 and (Sewer)10196. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve all the checks as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony presented following report:

We are pleased to report that the 2020 tar and chip program has been completed ahead of schedule. This was a large project and in anticipation of reduced liquid fuels money for 2021, we hope that we can carry over some of the remaining funds in order to continue our strong preventative maintenance goals. By sticking as best we can to an ongoing timeline, we have vastly improved our overall road system. This proactive approach to ongoing upkeep versus a reactive approach seems to be working well. Our road complaints have been minimal and we strive to address any all concerns as quickly as possible. The Water Street project is winding down for the year. The Boro has completed their pipe replacement and we addressed the overdue buildup of antiskid along the berms. Paving this section will be part of 2021's road project along with a joint effort with Elk Creek Township to address the paved section of Eureka Rd, south of 6N. Of course all of our best laid plans can come to a halt if we experience a harsh winter of heavy freeze/thaw cycles.

The park improvement project continues to move along as time allows. We continue to remove unwanted trees and have roughed in the landscaping at the new pavilion site. Another trail has been established with wood chips from the upper road to the lower pond area. Guide rails will be mounted at the water crossing on the lower wooded trail. We installed a large culvert pipe there and want to be sure it is a safe area for walking/skiing. We anticipate renting the brush hog again to give the area good going over prior to winter.

The Sewer Department has finalized arrangements to have a number of laterals sealed where they connect to the main line. In addition, we will be having some manholes lined as we have in the past. We continue to aggressively work to solve the inflow and infiltration problems in order to reduce the amount of clean water going to the Boro treatment plant. We are charged by the gallon and any reduction in that flow lessens our yearly payment to them. Remember that I & I is something that never goes away. It plagues every system, but you have to keep up on the program in order to lessen its affect as much as possible. We can honestly say that we have made tremendous strides in this ongoing effort.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None.

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

**SOLICITOR/ ENGINEER'S REPORT** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION** Vice-Mayor Feikles was absent; Mayor Patterson presented the minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Councilperson Campbell informed Council of the ECATO picnic that she attended.

**EMA** Mayor Patterson presented the minutes of the August 7, 2020 meeting. EMA Coordinator Chuck Kanaar addressed Council during his quarterly visit to Washington Township.

### OLD BUSINESS

**WEBCAST QUOTE** Manager Anthony presented a quote from CS Erie Computers for webcast equipment for Council meetings. Council requested Manager Anthony bring back more information on the proposed Equipment and costs.

**PRELIMINARY BORO** Manager Anthony presented a draft copy of a Borough-Washington Township water agreement to provide water along 4 main corridors in Washington Township. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to direct Manager Anthony to finalize said agreement and bring it back to Council. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### WATER AGREEMENT

### NEW BUSINESS

**ACT 205** Manager Anthony presented the Act 205 Obligations for 2020 PMRS contributions. No action required.

**CALCULATIONS** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to approve the calculations as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**VISITORS** Tim Dillen addressed Council requesting information about removing an elected official for not representing the constituents and their concerns. Manager Anthony addressed the question as stated in the Pennsylvania State Code.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss personnel issues. Council re-convened in regular session at 7:44 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, seconded by Renick, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**