

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 16, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Stefano, Councilmen Patterson and Glass, and Councilperson Campbell. Also present were Manager David Anthony, Zoning Officer Terry Carcella, and Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony. Visitors were Marilyn Free, Amber Wellington and Marge Gigliotti.

**AGENDA** It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Patterson, to approve the Agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2008 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund checks #11253-11256 and manual check 11129, Water Fund check #3952, Sewer Fund check #4596, and ADP Payroll checks #995,281-995,283 and 10,000,091-10,000,092. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Campbell, to approve all Fund checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Manager Anthony gave a verbal report on the Fire Department's request for testing of the Township's water system. Manager Anthony notified the Fire Department that the testing may occur after a bi-annual flushing. Also discussed were the high costs of road salt, the recent storm damage, and the upcoming budget. Councilman Glass commended the Road Crew on their clean-up job after the recent storm. Council discussed the security of the Township's funds and pensions due to the volatile financial markets.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: a thank-you letter from Bob Miller for the maintenance of Willow Park. No action was required.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Zoning Officer Carcella had no subdivisions to present, but discussed the Enforcement Report. Councilman Glass made a formal request of the Enforcement Officer to investigate the dilapidated structure on the south side of Crane Road between Lay and Fry Roads, west of the bridge that crosses Crane for removal.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** Engineer Halmi informed Council the engineering agreement between Council and Deiss-Halmi has expired due to PennDot exceeding the original allotted timeframe for the Perry Lane Bridge and Conneauttee Bridge Project. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to extend the engineering agreement for the Perry Lane Bridge Project with Deiss-Halmi for six months. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to extend the engineering agreement for the Conneauttee Bridge Project with Deiss-Halmi for six months. Motion carried unanimously.

Engineer Halmi updated Council on the Sewer Authority's Penn Vest loan situation. Engineer Halmi and Manager Anthony expressed concerns about the role Sewer Authority's solicitor has in the timely closing of the Penn Vest loan and the monies available to continue to pay the contractors in the Edinboro Sewer Plant upgrade construction.

It was voted on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to move the Executive Session to the end of the Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SEWER AUTHORITY** Councilperson Campbell presented the monthly Flow Report and the Minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meetings.

**EDINBORO LIASION** Councilperson Campbell gave a verbal report on the Borough's last Meeting and the rental ordinance that was recently passed and being reconsidered. Also discussed was the recent Lake Testing

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Study. Mayor Foulkrod provided an email From the Borough Manager T. J. Jemetz concerning the Borough's intent to renege on paying their 1/3 of the costs associated with said study because of the study results. Council directed Manager Anthony to respond to Edinboro Borough and Study provider Jerry Covert expressing concerns of said agreed payment. It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Patterson, to publish said Lake Study report on the Township's website. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SHENANGO HGTS ROAD DISTANCE** It was voted on motion by Glass, second by Campbell, to approve Resolution #14-08, amending the length of Creekside Drive located Shenango Heights because it was incorrectly stated in Resolution #22-07. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PMRS YRLY OBLIGATION** It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to approve the annual PMRS pension obligation as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ZHB RESIGN.** Manager Anthony presented Council a copy of Neil Milligan's resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to accept Mr. Milligan's resignation as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** Manager Anthony will bring a list of prospective members to the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**TAX COLL. REQUEST** Manager Anthony presented Council of a request from Laurie Showman, Washington Township's Tax Collector, to cover costs for said collector to attend an upcoming convention. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to approve the costs as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **VISITORS**

**EXEC. SESSION** Council convened in Executive Session at 5:03 P.M. to discuss the Perry Lane Bridge appraisals. Council returned to regular session at 5:18 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:19 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**