

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Foulkrod called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on September 2, 2008 at 7:00P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412. Those present were Vice-Mayor Stefano Councilman Patterson and Councilperson Campbell. Absent was Councilman Glass. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony, Zoning Officer Carcella and Solicitor Burroughs. Visitors were Marilyn Free, Marge Gigliotti, Amber Wellington, Colin Wylie and Dennis Proto.

AGENDA It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to approve the Agenda as presented.
APPROVAL Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES It was voted on motion by Patterson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of August 19, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #11203-11252, Water Fund #3937-3951, Sewer Fund #4615-4632, Vets Park check #158, Wainer Park check #1049, Developer's checks #329-330, and payroll checks #10000019, 10000089-10000090, #995270-995280. It was voted on motion by Stefano, seconded by Patterson, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Manager Anthony presented following report:

The final wearing surface has been applied to Washington Towne Blvd. Final acceptance will be after the required stripping has been completed and approved by the Engineer. We anticipate the request for the dedication as a Township Road to come shortly thereafter. Fortunately, with the paving crew still in the area, we were able to get them to pave the area of the newly installed pipe crossing on Gibson Hill as well. This will avoid a rough and muddy mess that would have occurred had it gone untreated until the summer of 2010.

The Road Crew is now concentrating on year-end ditching, berm mowing and brush cutting on various Township roads. We are scheduled for the delivery of this year's antiskid supply to Washington and Franklin Township.

The updates to the Kline Road Treatment Plant generator project has been stalled due a lack of funding to finish the installation of the required electrical service disconnect at the newly installed pole. Some remaining funds in the CDBG portion of the project will assist, but money will have to be used from the Sewer Fund to complete it. I anticipate approximately \$700. This should satisfy safety requirements and allow for the project to be finished.

The Water Department had to replace a portion of the telemetry system due to electrical storm damage. The damaged parts were outdated and no longer were available, so updated versions installed. This system is hard wired and allows for the plant and the storage tank to converse as to the level in the storage tank, thus allowing for pumping times and monitoring of the tanks capacity.

The Penn Vest closing is set for September 16, 2008 and will be the next big step in the sewage system from the very beginning, as it is very complex and detailed. If all goes well, the ability to draw on the funds will be available several weeks after the closing. Timing of the submittals and the draw down of remaining funds will be critical in the next few months.

CORRESPONDENCE Manager Anthony had no correspondence to present.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Mukina subdivision #9-08 and Building Permit Reports. It was voted on motion by Stefano, second by Patterson, to approve the Mukina subdivision #9-08, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION Councilman Glass was absent; Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Minutes of the
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August 26, 2008 Meeting and a review of PIRHL's proposed senior living site development plan on Route 6N. PIRHL requested Council allow for their tentative presentation at the September 24, 2008 Council

Workshop. Council stated PIRHL should bring plans to a regular Council meeting for Council's review.

ZONING HEARING BOARD Councilman Glass was absent; Zoning Officer Carcella presented the Minutes of the August 19, 2008 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION No report.

EDINBORO VFD No report.

WATER AUTHORITY Councilman Patterson presented the Minutes of the August 21, 2008 Meeting.

ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION No report.

EDINBORO LIAISON No Meeting.

WATERSHED ASSOC. Mayor Foulkrod updated Council on high phosphorous levels in Edinboro Lake. Also discussed was the cost of the lake spraying that has been divided between the Watershed Association, Edinboro Borough, and Washington Township. The Watershed Association will continue this financial support through 2009, but by 2010 the Association may not fund the lake spraying. The costs will be divided between Washington Township and Edinboro Borough.

OLD BUSINESS

LAKE STUDY Mayor Foulkrod informed Council the Lake Study is completed and the findings should be presented to Washington Township Council, Edinboro Council and the Watershed Association at an upcoming meeting; Council agreed to host a public meeting for the community to view the facts and findings concerning the study when all pertinent parties could be present to answer questions. Council requested a copy be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection.

ADOPT. A motion by Patterson to approve Ordinance #4-08, rezoning of property located on Edinboro Road, **ORD. #4-08** died due to lack of a second. **It was voted** on motion by Foulkrod, second by Stefano, to deny the rezoning request. **Voting in favor** was Stefano. **Voting opposed** was Campbell, Patterson and Foulkrod. **Motion failed.** Dennis Porto, the property owner of said rezoning request, answered Council's questions about the permitted uses for the property development. **It was voted** on motion by Patterson, second by Campbell, to approve Ordinance #4-08, the requested rezoning, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CDBG FFY 2008 **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to accept the FFY 2008 contract **CONTRACT** for the CDBG Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2009 DOG LIC. SALES **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, not to sell dog license at the Township Administration Building during 2009, and to recommend to Erie County Dept. of Revenue to allow the sale of said license by Howlabaloo Dog Park located on Lay Road because of their extended hours and convenience. **Voting in favor** were Campbell, Foulkrod, and Stefano. **Voting opposed** was Patterson. **Motion carried.**

EM. MGT. UPDATE Manager Anthony presented his review of how other municipalities fill the Emergency Management position to meet State mandated requirements. Council directed Manager Anthony to contact Rep. Evans office concerning how to fill this government-mandated position.

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NEW BUSINES

HYDRANT TESTING Manager Anthony presented a letter from the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department Chief concerning the Department's testing of the Township's hydrant system for insurance services ratings. **It was voted** on motion by Campbell, second by Stefano, to table the request for further investigation in to the benefits for the residents of Washington Township. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITORS Colin Wylie introduced himself to Council as the new member on the Water Authority.

ADJOURNMENT It was voted on motion by Campbell, seconded by Stefano, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:24 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**