

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 1, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Campbell called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on April 1, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

**ORDER** at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Those present were Vice-Mayor Pernisek, Councilmen Feikles, Glass, and Patterson. Also present were Manager Anthony, Community Development Specialist Deborah Anthony and Zoning Administrator Willow. Visitors were Kathy Pernisek, John Allen, Jim Burge, Sharon Burge, Harry Glunt, William Kuhn, Abbey Hudson, Dawn Mitulski, Dennis Mitulski, Robert Ekelund, Mark Styvesant, Jessica Strand, MaryAnne Strand, Sara Strand, and James Strand.

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

**APPROVAL** Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Pernisek, to approve the Minutes of the semi-monthly Council Meeting of March 18, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Glass, to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2014 Public Hearing as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #15185-15234 and manual check #15082, Water Fund #5284-5296, Sewer Fund #6691-6709 and manual check #6401, State check #2047, and payroll checks #10013 (Water), 10023 (Sewer), #15280-15292. It was voted on motion by Patterson, second by Feikles, to approve all the checks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

This winter has been one of the coldest and snowiest we have encountered in quite a while. Nearby Erie is vying for the title of receiving the most snow in the nation this season, although challenged by Rochester, NY, which is always a contender. Our utility bills are significantly higher this season due to the extended deep freeze. Although we take steps to keep the heating bills as low as possible by conserving fuels, this year as already placed a burden on those line items in each of the three departments. Per the 2014 budget, we have purchased a new quick connect for the JCB backhoe and a new nine-foot Niagara Falls style spreader. The spreader will be used for spot tar and chip operations that we can complete on our own rather than hiring it out. The quick connect will allow us to change buckets on the backhoe in a matter of a few minutes rather than an hour or more. We will be able to change out for required tools at the job site, improving our work in ditching and pipe replacement. We are looking at options for street sweeping in the populated areas due to the large buildup of material from continual placement of antiskid. We may be able to reclaim some of the material and it done much quicker than if we do it. Of course, we will use our front mounted broom to do it ourselves in the rural areas. Hopefully we can complete this yearly chore in April.

Mr. Taylor has taken his examine to become a fully licensed sewage treatment plant operator. We are hopeful that he was successful in passing this challenging examination as it is necessary to operate the Kline Road and the General McLane systems completely on his own. Currently we rely upon the licenses held by Zoning Officer Willow. Once this is accomplished, we will be fully staffed with competent and experienced employees in all of three of the major Township Departments.

Everyone is anxious for spring to arrive and begin the construction season.

Manager Anthony verbally added that Kevin Taylor passed the Wastewater Operator licensing tests; the Road Crew is closely watching the roads for frost damage; and the yearly audit will be late this year due to incorrect accounting entries that must be corrected before the audit is finalized.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Manager Anthony presented the following correspondence: thank you cards from the students at General McLane for the Career Day classes about local government career opportunities and a PSATS list of proposed resolutions. No action required.

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Burroughs was not in attendance.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PLANNING COMMISSION** Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the March 25, 2014 Meeting and two Modification Requests from Tractor Supply for a installing a rolled curb in place of a asphalt wedge curb and a reduction of the Greenbelt width from 20' to 18', with a reduction of parking space size from 10' x 20' to 10' x 18'. **It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Feikles, to approve said modification #1, rolled curb. After discussion, the **motion was amended** by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to include modification #2, the greenbelt reduction. **Motion carried unanimously.** Councilman Glass questioned Zoning Officer Willow concerning the Planning Commission's review for amending the Code to include "club" in the C-2 zoning district.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** No Meeting.

**ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION** Mayor Campbell presented the Minutes of the February 27, 2014 Meeting.

**WATER AUTHORITY** Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Meeting. Pernisek informed Council of the discussion concerning the merging of the Water and Sewer Authorities and the Grabill water line easement.

**ERIE CO. PLANNING COMM.** Vice-Mayor Pernisek presented the Minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> and the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meetings, calling attention to the information concerning the the Edinboro Dam project that includes the extension of a concrete culvert and the installation of new sluice gates.

**VETERANS PARK COMM.** Councilman Glass presented the Minutes of the November 12, 2013 Meeting.

**EMA** Manager Anthony did not attend but presented the Minutes of the February 7, 2014 Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**MATERIALS BIDS** The following bids were received for the following materials:

400 tons of Cold patch	Suit Kote	\$74.9500/ ton FOB, \$78.95 delivered
	Russell Standard	\$77.00/ ton FOB, \$80.00 delivered

**It was voted** on motion by Glass, second by Pernisek, to award the bid to Suit Kote. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6,000 gallons unleaded gas	Harned/ Reed Oil	\$3.0407/ gal	Erie Petroleum	\$3.06/ gal
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Rack price delivered

**It was voted** on motion by Feikles, second by Glass, to award the bid to Harned/ Reed Oil. **Motion carried unanimously.**

15,000 gallons #2 Blended Diesel/ additives	Harned/ Reed Oil	\$3.2020/ gal	Erie Petroleum	\$3.1825/ gal
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Rack price delivered

**It was voted** on motion by Pernisek, second by Feikles, to award the bid to Erie Petroleum. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**PROPOSED ORD. #2-14** Manager Anthony presented a draft copy of Ordinance #2-14 for Council's review. No action was taken.

**ACT 13, SUPREME COURT DECISION** Vice-Mayor Pernisek informed Council of the State Supreme Court's decision that Act 13, oil and gas drilling regulations, is unconstitutional.

**VISITORS** Manager Anthony addressed Council for James Strand, who is requesting the inclusion of night club,

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dance hall, tavern, and the addition of brew pub, as conditional uses to the C-2 zoning district. All the said inclusions added to the C-2 are already conditional uses in as C-1 zoning districts with the exception of brew pub. **A motion was made** by Feikles, to forward the request to the Planning Commission for review. After a discussion, the **motion was amended** by Feikles, seconded by Glass, to include advertising said amendments for public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT It was voted** on motion by Glass, seconded by Feikles, to adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 P.M.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**