

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING – April 15th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Burek called the Washington Township Council Meeting to order on April 15th, 2025, at 4:30 P.M. at the Washington Township Administration Building at 11800 Edinboro Road, Edinboro, PA. Present were Vice-Mayor Dillen, Councilwoman Campbell, Councilman Leehan, and Councilperson Malena, Also present were Manager Willow and Zoning Officer Becky Seeman. Guests included Anton Fensel, Eric Lathrop, Ben Lathrop, Greg Streiff, Nate Latimer, Bonnie & Vincent Ross, Cody Concoby, and James Baker.

AGENDA APPROVAL: **It was voted** on a motion by Campbell, second by Malena, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL MINUTES: **It was voted** on a motion by Dillen, second by Leehan, to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 2025 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following checks presented for approval: General Fund #21888-21909, Sewer Fund #9095-9098, Water Fund #6723-6728, payroll and ACH #17898. **It was voted** on a motion by Campbell, second by Malena, to approve all the checks and payroll as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Manager Willow gave a verbal report

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: Zoning officer Becky Seaman gave a brief enforcement report.

ENGINEER REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY: No meeting.

EDINBORO LIASON: Campbell provided a verbal report.

ENGINE HOUSE 39: Leehan provided a verbal report.

WATERSHED ASSOCIATION: No Meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION: Leehan presented the meeting minutes from 4/8/25. It was voted on a motion by Leehan, **seconded by Burke** to add Jessica Haenel to the committee, open a new checking account, with debit card (Norman Willow), signees being all Committee members, Kaitly Artman, Nate Latimer, Eric Caldwell, Jessica Haenel, Council Representative William Leehan and Manager Willow. Two signatures are required for each check, the debit card will be kept in a lock box when not in use. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. After discussion, **It was voted** on a motion by Campbell, second by Malena, to approve the Purchase Gas Powered Post Pounder, \$ 3,668.47. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. After discussion, **It was voted** on a motion by Dillen, second by Leehan, to approve the Purchase Bermer/Conveyor: \$ 13,325.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Discussed the annual rental of street sweeper, this year from Stephenson Equipment, \$6,200/week. **It was voted** on a motion by Campbell, second by Malena, to approve the rental, **Motion carried unanimously.**

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- D. Discuss Hunting in parks with several attendees. Currently hunting is prohibited in Inspiration Park, as a condition of the deed transfer/gift. Attendee Anton Fensel, a hunter, spoke in support of restrictions, especially in Wainer and Inspiration Parks- these parks have very little wooded area, therefore not conducive to deer hunting. James Baker, an avid duck hunter, also spoke in support of restricting deer hunting with a long gun within the parks at the northern end of Edinboro Lake; Both Mr. Fensel and Mr. Baker felt archery hunting in these parks would be appropriate and safe if Game Commission rules are followed. **It was voted** on a motion from Burke, seconded by Leehan to ask Solicitor Schmidt to draft an ordinance for consideration: Waterfowl hunting and Archery hunting will be permitted in Peninsula, Carlson, Willow and Aspen Parks, no long guns/rifles permitted. No hunting in any of the remaining parks, with the exception to allow controlled varmint hunting as needed (we have a problem with groundhogs) The specifics of the phrase “controlled” will be refined during future discussions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mike Waltz – Council scheduled a Conditional Use request, ground level storage units behind Env. Remediation Building, 4250 Route 6N, Parcel # 45-17-22-99, June 3rd, 6:30 PM.
- E. It was voted on a motion by Dillen, seconded by Burke to approve \$1,000 donation to the 2025 BORO-WITH-THE-WORKS community fireworks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: **It was voted** on a motion by Campbell, second by Burke, to adjourn at 6:17 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.