

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING – Tuesday February 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Strausbaugh.

PRESENT: Supervisors Strausbaugh, McCleaf, McCracken, Stine and Snowberger. Also, present were Township Manager Vernon Ashway, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Solicitor Zachary Mills, OIC Jason Wolfgang, and 5 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR: Bill Hoffman, Jim Fleagle and Matt Oyer were present, and Mr. Hoffman addressed the Board about using pipe the Township has stored at the township transfer station for their project. Mr. Hoffman explained the situation the Institute has, and their construction plans for the new property the Institute owns. After lengthy discussion with the Board of Supervisors, it was decided that the Township Solicitor would prepare an agreement between the Township and the Institute for use of the township pipe for their project.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On a McCracken/ McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the agenda as amended as presented, vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes

On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the regular meeting minutes for February 5, 2024, vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

- a. Waynesboro EMS Report – January 2024:** Township Manager presented the January 2024 report from Waynesboro EMS. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January 2024 report from Waynesboro EMS, vote was unanimous.
- b. Waynesboro Fire Department Report – January 2024:** Fire Chief Deavers presented the January 2024 fire department report. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Waynesboro Fire Department January 2024 report, vote was unanimous.
- c. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue - January 2024:** Township Manager presented the January 2024 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January 2024 Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Fire & EMS report, vote was unanimous.
- d. Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department Report - January 2024:** Volunteer John Beck presented the January 2024 report from Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January 2024 Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.
- e. WTPD Report - January 2024:** OIC Wolfgang presented the January 2024 report for the Washington Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/Snowberger motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January

2024 report from the Washington Township Police Department, vote was unanimous.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

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| General Fund | \$ 253,224.58 |
| Highway Aid | 7,668.52 |
| WTB Fund | 66.00 |
| GF Payroll | 440.00 |
| Police Pension | <u>1,900.00</u> |
| Total Invoices | \$ 263,299.10 |

On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the invoices as presented, vote was unanimous.

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

- a. **01-24 Bradley Cole:** Assistant Zoning Officer Reichard presented this Final Subdivision Plan. This plan was explained to the Township Planning Committee. WTMA and Franklin County Planning had no comments. Washington Township's Engineer had two comments, both of which were acknowledged by the applicant. This plan was recommended for approval by the Township Planning Committee. On a McCleaf/Snowberger motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the final subdivision plan, vote was unanimous.
- b. **03-24 Scott Parker:** Assistant Zoning Officer Reichard presented this Final Subdivision Plan. This plan was presented to the Township Planning Committee, following a sketch plan that was reviewed at the December 11, 2023, PC meeting. WTMA and Franklin County Planning had no comments. Washington Township's Engineer had four comments, all of which were acknowledged by the applicant. Lee Royer and Associates were seeking a waiver to extend sewer to Parcel A (Section 310-39(A)(2)), widening the road (Section 310-24 (D)), and to the scale requirement (Section 310-11(A)). Both Parcels A and B would remain in agricultural use and if it were ever subdivided for development, sewer line extension would be required at that time. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve this plan subject to the three waivers listed above, vote was unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

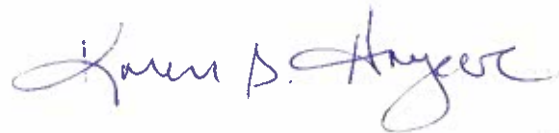
- a. **Property Changes Report – January 2024:** The Township Manager presented the January 2024 Property Changes Report for Washington Township.
- b. **WTPD-Request to Change the Rules & Regulations:** The Township Manager presented suggested changes to the Washington Township Police Department's rules and regulations per the accreditation process. This matter will be brought to the Board again for the Board's comments.

- c. **Possible Donation of Land Discussion:** The Township Manager advised the Board that there is a possibility of obtaining approximately 13 acres of land from a doner that would add onto Antietam Meadows Park and give the Township access to the park from North Welty Road.
- d. **Laurel Lane Discussion:** Township Manager brought up the requested subject of widening Laurel Lane. This is to help with the parking issue on Jackson Avenue where residents park on both sides of Jackson Avenue. To widen Laurel Lane would cost an approximate \$9,000 which would not alleviate the parking issue of Jackson Avenue. The Township Manager advised the Board that making the road wider on Jackson Avenue would be costly and still not really solve the parking issue. The Township Manager will investigate this matter further for other options.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Mills advised that he was sick the prior week but that he was still working with the ordinances dealing with AG security properties throughout the township. He also advised of filing a motion in the Mumpower case.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Township Manager advised that the Township is close to tearing down the old building. Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard advised the Board of the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting on February 28, 2024. He also reminded the Board of the upcoming conditional use hearing scheduled for March 4, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m., vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary

