

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING – Monday, April 17, 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 Township Secretary Brigitte Mowen, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Solicitor Zachary Mills, OIC Jason Wolfgang and 16 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR:

a. ABATE Proclamation – Resolution # 817

Chairman Strausbaugh presented Resolution # 817 to the ABATE Group members proclaiming May 2024 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

b. South Mountain Golf Course – Bernie Goldberg

Bernie Goldberg resident of Penn National presented the Board of Supervisors with information about the proposed closure of the South Mountain Golf Course. DCNR plans to build a visitor center on the property and has declined to renew the lease for the South Mountain Golf Course. The Board of Supervisors discussed the closure of the South Mountain Golf Course. On a McCleaf/Snowberger motion, the Board of Supervisors instructed the staff to look at the requirements of drafting a resolution objecting to the closure of South Mountain Golf Course, vote was unanimous.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes

On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the regular meeting minutes for April 1, 2024, vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

a. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue – March 2024: The Township Manager presented the March 2024 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a McCleaf/Snowberger motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the March 2024 Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Report and EMS report, vote was unanimous.

b. Waynesboro Fire Department Report – March 2024: No report was given.

c. Waynesboro EMS Report – March 2024: No report was given.

d. Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department Report - March 2024: Volunteer Aaron Baginski presented the March 2024 report from Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the March 2024 Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.

e. WBA Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024: The Board of Supervisors and staff reviewed the Waynesboro Borough Authority meeting minutes for February 12, 2024.

- f. **WTPD Report - March 2024:** OIC Wolfgang presented the March 2024 report for the Washington Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the March 2024 report from the Washington Township Police Department, vote was unanimous.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 181,759.54
Highway Aid	\$ 739.57
Impact Fee Fund	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
 Total Invoices	 \$ 182,769.11

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

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

- a. **05-24 Antietam Commons Phase IV:** Assistant Zoning Officer presented a preliminary subdivision plan for Antietam Commons Phase IV. Franklin County Planning had one comment. WTMA had two comments. Washington Township's Engineer had six comments, all of which were acknowledged by the applicant. Lee Royer and Associates is seeking a waiver to the 20 x 20 turnaround driveways for each lot. Solicitor Mills advised the Board of Supervisors that any waiver request will need to go through the Planning Committee with the final plan. The Board of Supervisors reviewed the drainage and snow easement on lots 64 & 65. Supervisor Snowberger had a comment about the developer creating a new HOA for this phase and suggested a review of the original subdivision plan recorded. The HOA currently in place was intended for all phases of Antietam Commons. Solicitor Mills sees no issue with Antietam Commons Phase IV creating a separate HOA for this subdivision. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion the Board of Supervisors approved the preliminary plan. Supervisor Snowberger abstained from the vote; the vote was 4-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. **Property Changes Report - March 2024:** The Township Manager presented the March 2024 Property Changes Report for Washington Township.
- b. **Knox Box Discussion:** The Township Manager held a discussion with the Board of Supervisors about the possibility of splitting the cost for a Knox Box Membership and entering into an agreement with Quincy Township. The Knox Box is a secure wall mounted safe that holds building keys for emergency medical services and fire departments. The Board of Supervisors discussed the Knox Box system and asked the Township Manager to explore a Memo of Understanding with Quincy Township.
- c. **Antietam Commons HOA - Special Event Request:** Township Manager presented a special request for an event held by Antietam Commons HOA. The HOA would like to close part of the roadway at Shelby Avenue for a community

gathering on June 1, 2024. The closure would be for an estimated 3 hours. On a McCleaf/ Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the Antietam Commons HOA Special Event Request, vote was unanimous.

- d. **YMCA Triathlon:** Township Manager presented a request from the Waynesboro Area YMCA to host their 8th Annual Strokes, Spokes & Strides Triathlon. The YMCA will be hosting this event on Saturday, June 8, 2024, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. O.I.C. Wolfgang has reached out to the event coordinator to see if they would need assistance from Washington Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/ McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the Waynesboro Area YMCA to host their 8th Annual Strokes, Spokes & Strides Triathlon, vote was unanimous.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Mills advised that he has drafted a letter to Antietam Commons HOA about the Jackson Avenue parking issue. Solicitor Mills suggested that the letter be sent from the Township Manager to start conversations about parking.

MISCELLANEOUS: Supervisor McCleaf and Supervisor Strausbaugh attended the 2024 PSATS Convention that was held earlier in the week. Both Supervisors attended the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Funding class that was held by David Bratina, Director of the Multimodal Transportation Fund. A discussion was held about the class and how informative it was. The Township Manager received notification from Maggie McGahen with Delta Development Group about DCED accepting grant applications for the GTRP Program for Greenways, Trails and Recreation Programs. Supervisor McCleaf asked the Township Manager about the RACP Funds and if the final invoice to GRC for the new building was paid.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3.22 p.m. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary

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