

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING -Monday, April 3, 2023**

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

**PRESENT:** Supervisors, McCleaf McCracken, Strausbaugh, Stine and DeDona were present at this meeting. Also present were Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Police Chief Michael McGovern and 1 citizen. Assistant Manager Vernon Ashway was not present for this meeting.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** No comment.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:**

a. **Regular Meeting Minutes March 20, 2023-** Supervisor DeDona suggested some changes to the minutes for clarification on the DCNR grant discussion for the FOMP. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes with the suggested changes from Supervisor DeDona for the March 20, 2023 meeting minutes, vote was unanimous.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

a. **Invoices Due**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 38,776.63
General Fund Payroll	781.16
Highway Aid Fund	863.94
Cap Reserve-Cap Projects	4,206.50
 Total Invoices	 \$ 44,623.23

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

- b. **Skiway Avenue Bridge Grant** - The Township received a letter dated March 23, 2023 from Senator Doug Mastriano advising that Washington Township received \$208,932 for a Multimodal Transportation Grant which will be used for the replacement of the Skiway Avenue Bridge located in Washington Township.
- c. **Lewis & Clark Complimentary Tickets.** - The Township Secretary presented four Lewis & Clark Complimentary Tickets received by the Township. On a DeDona/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the donation of the above tickets, vote was unanimous.

**ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- a. **Extension Letter Request- Antietam Commons**  
b. **Extension Letter Request-Woodcrest D3**

**c. Extension Letter Request-Woodcrest F3**

The Assistant Zoning Officer presented the above extension letter requests to the Board of Supervisors. On a DeDona/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the three extension requests as noted above, vote was unanimous.

**d. Minnich LERTA Request** - The Assistant Zoning Officer presented the Minnich LERTA Request which was formerly the Gilland Memorial property which was converted into storage units. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors rejected the request because the request did not comply with the Township's guidelines.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**a. Monterey Toll Gate Grant Application Discussion**– The Township Manager opened discussion on the Monterey Toll Gate Grant Application. R. Lee Royer was available for any further discussion concerning the DCNR \$300,000 grant on behalf of the FOMP. The FOMP would need a \$50,000 letter of support from the Board of Supervisors. At approximately 1:55 pm Maggie McGahen from Delta Development Group called in to explain the grant process with the Board of Supervisors. Ms. McGahen explained that the DCNR grant could not be used to purchase the toll gate house. However, Ms. McGahen explained that the FOMP could utilize the LSA grant to buy the tollhouse, The tollhouse would be turned over to the Township and the Township could then lease it to the FOMP. R. Lee Royer was present for this conversation and advised that the appraisal for the land that the FOMP were attempting to purchase came in at \$183,000. Ms. McGahen explained that the \$50,000 DCNR grant for the FOMP required a \$50,000 match. She explained that the LSA (Local Share Program) grant for \$180,000 could be used for the money match for the \$300,000 DCNR grant. Therefore, requiring no financial match by the FOMP. Supervisor Strausbaugh asked should the FOMP apply for both programs and Ms. McGahen said they should apply for both. If the FOMP received both grants, then there would be no financial requirement from the township.

**b. DCNR Resolution Draft** – The Township Manager presented Resolution # 790, a Resolution authorizing signatures on the 2023 DCNR Monterey Pass “Preserve Our Past, Enlighten Our Future” Project Grant. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution # 790 as stated above, vote was unanimous.

**c. Walmart Grand ReOpening Invitation** -The Township Manager presented an invitation to Walmart's Grand Reopening for Friday, April 7, 2023.

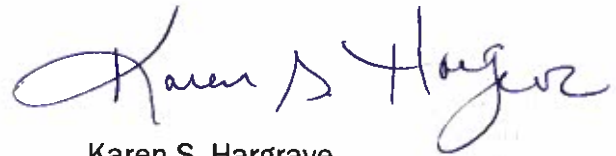
**d. New Building Update** – The Township Manager gave an update on the new building progress.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**- An update was given on the items he has been working on with our staff.

**MISCELLANEOUS**- Chief of Police Michael McGovern advised the Board of Supervisors that he was contacted about the event of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Triathlon. On a Strausbaugh/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the event subject to receiving the certificate of liability for insurance purposes, vote was unanimous. Chairman McCleaf asked Chief McGovern whether he had heard anything from Odyssey. Chief McGovern advised he had not heard anything. Assistant Zoning Officer advised the Board of Supervisors that the traffic engineer was contacted concerning the impact fee for Aldi. He advised that according to the engineer, they calculated the number of trips, credited them for trips which resulted in an estimated \$206,246 impact fee. Some discussion was held concerning LERTA properties. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors

requested the staff review properties within the LERTA boundaries. The Township manager advised that Sean McFarland passed away, a nice memorial was held for Sean and to keep Sean's family in their thoughts. The manager advised that the Township needed a Resolution for the Deed of Dedication already accepted by the Board. He asked the Board to authorize the Chairman's signature once the Resolution was drafted as well as for the retention basins on North Welty Road. On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman's signature on the above documents, vote was unanimous. The Township Manager advised that he was contacted by telephone by Mr. Shank concerning Amsterdam Road Bridge and wanted to have a meeting concerning the same. Supervisor Stine asked that Assistant Township Manager Vernon Ashway be present for that meeting. The Township Manager advised that Assistant Township Manager Vernon Ashway would be present for the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. on a DeDona/McCracken motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave  
Township Secretary

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