

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING –Monday, March 20, 2023**

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 Strausbaugh, Stine, DeDona, McCleaf, and McCracken. Also present were Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Assistant Township Manager Vernon Ashway, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Township Corporal Jason Wolfgang, Solicitor Zachary Mills and 4 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR: R. Lee Royer presented information concerning a grant applied for through Delta Development Group on behalf of the Friends of Monterey Pass (FOMP). Mr. Royer explained that the grant was for \$300,000 with a 50% match needed. The FOMP wishes to purchase the land beside the FOMP and the toll gate house. Mr. Royer advised that the FOMP is organizing fundraising events to raise the money to purchase the above properties. They are also applying for a \$300,000 DCNR grant that will allow purchase of the land for both. This grant requires a 50% match. Friends of Monterey Pass can put up about \$100,000 of the match at this time, half of that from existing fund raising efforts, but will need help with the remaining \$50,000. Mr. Royer asked the township to help with the \$50,000 since this ultimately is an improvement to township properties. It was agreed that all properties would be turned over to the township as a condition of using township grant writers, but when the toll house is purchased, it would be leased back to the Friends to help raise funds for additional Monterey Pass improvements. After some discussion, Supervisor DeDona made a motion seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh for the Township to furnish the \$50,000 in the 2024 budget via an intent letter. After more discussion, on a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors tabled this matter until the April 3, 2023 meeting to acquire more information, vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The Township Assistant Zoning Officer asked that the agenda be approved with an amendment to postpone the Conditional use hearing which was scheduled this date for Two M Properties, LLC. On a Strausbaugh/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors postponed the Two M Properties, LLC conditional use hearing until April 17, 2023, vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

a. **Regular Meeting Minutes March 6, 2023-** On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the March 6, 2023 meeting minutes, vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

a. **Waynesboro EMS Report February 2023-** Dennis Ott presented the February 2023 report from Waynesboro EMS. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2023 report from Waynesboro EMS, vote was unanimous.

b. **Waynesboro Fire Department Report-February 2023-** Fire Chief Deavers presented the February 2023 fire department report. On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the

Board of Supervisors approved the Waynesboro Fire Department February 2023 Report, vote was unanimous.

c. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Report- February 2023- The Assistant Township Manager presented the February 2023 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a DeDona/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2023 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was unanimous.

d. WTPD Report February 2023- Corporal Jason Wolfgang presented the February 2023 report for the Washington Township Police Department. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2023 report from Washington Township Police Department, vote was unanimous.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 39,620.92
Cap Res Cap Proj.	194,358.79
Highway Aid Fund	7,008.64
 Total Invoices	 \$240,988.35
 Requisition # 15	 \$180,358.00

On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the invoices and Requisition for Loan Proceeds # 15 as presented, vote was unanimous.

b. Dividend Check from EMC Insurance- The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented a dividend check from EMC Insurance received by the Township in the amount of \$14,803.45.

c. Recycling Report – February 2023- The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented the February 2023 Recycling Report. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2023 Recycling Report, vote was unanimous.

d. Nolan Alcohol Permit Request- Rouzerville Community Center- The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented an alcohol permit for Kendra Nolan for an event scheduled for April 1, 2023 at the Rouzerville Community Center. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the above-referenced alcohol permit presented, vote was unanimous.

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT- Assistant Township Zoning Officer advised the Board of Supervisors that Two M Properties is willing to reimburse the Township for the cost of rescheduling the conditional use hearing scheduled for this date.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Property Changes-February 2023- The Assistant Township Manager presented the February 2023 Property Change Report for Washington Township.

b. CFA Grant Award Announcements- The Assistant Township Manager advised the Board of Supervisors that the Township was awarded the Skiway Avenue Bridge Rehab grant.

c. WTPD Records Destruction -Resolution 789- The Assistant Township Manager presented Resolution # 789 for destruction of police department records. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution # 789, vote was unanimous.

d. SGI Trail Cleanup Day- The Assistant Township Manager advised the Board of Supervisors that the SGI Cleanup Day will be held April 22, 2023 where SGI does a cleanup hike day of the Monterey Pass Battlefield.

MANAGERS REPORT-

a. Deed of Dedication for Antietam Commons- The Township Manager presented a Deed of Dedication from Antietam Commons Homeowner's Association. On a Strausbaugh/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the Deed of Dedication, vote was unanimous.

b. Monterey Pass Mixer Flyer – The Township Manager presented a flyer for the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park & Museum Mixer scheduled for March 23, 2023 from 4PM to 6 PM.

c. Board of Supervisors Plaque Proof – The Township Manager presented a Proof Copy of a Plaque to be placed at the new Township Building.


d. New Building Update -The Township Manager gave an update on the new Township building.

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

MISCELLANEOUS- Supervisor Stine advised he had an inquiry about the condition of Fish & Game Road. The Assistant Township Manager advised the Board of Supervisors that the Township applied for a grant to raise the inlets on a portion of that road and the road would be repaired at that time. The Assistant Township Manager advised that he received an email from John Gorman advising that a group of volunteers would be going through the old Rolando Park to clear brush and bushes. The Assistant Township Zoning Officer requested the Board of Supervisors authorize a \$2,000 refund for a rezoning application for Midvale Road. The applicant does not want to move forward with the rezoning and no administration work had been done at this point. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the \$2,000 refund, vote was unanimous. Supervisor DeDona presented updates on the website for the Battle of Monterey Pass.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING AT 5:30 PM – Two M Properties, LLC – This meeting was postponed until the April 17, 2023 meeting on a Strausbaugh/DeDona motion above.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m. on a DeDona/McCracken motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary

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