

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING -Monday September 5, 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, McCleaf, McCracken, Strausbaugh, Stine and DeDona were present for this meeting. Also present were Township Manager Vernon Ashway, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Police Chief Michael McGovern and 2 citizens.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** No comments.

**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 - August 21, 2023-** On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes as presented and amended, vote was unanimous.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

a. **Invoices**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$151,177.62
Highway Aid Fund	1,581.73
Police Pension Fund	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total Bills	\$156,259.35

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

**ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

a. **Lyons Road Traffic Study**

The Assistant Zoning Officer presented a traffic study that was done on Lyons Road. The traffic study was done to see if Lyons Road would qualify for a low volume road grant sometime in the future.

b. **OVR/OSI/WASD Partnership - Fall & Winter 2023**

The Assistant Zoning Officer advised the Board of Supervisors that he was approached about hosting a group of students for the fall and winter of 2023. He explained that it would be a group of students like the Township had this summer with adult supervision while they work. The difference with this group of students would be that OSI/Waynesboro School District would not be able to provide a certificate of insurance for this fall/winter program. The program for the fall/winter of 2023 does not have grant funding available until January 2024. Discussion was held concerning potential liability for the township. The Board of Supervisors asked that this matter be reviewed for further information concerning the potential liability for the Township. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors

would continue the relationship for the students with OVR/OSI/WASD subject to the Township Solicitor reviewing the liability to the Township and/or modify the current Township's insurance if practical or reasonable, vote was unanimous.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT:**

- a. **Dean Horst - Invitation**-The Township Manager presented an invite for a meet and greet event with Republican Candidate for Commissioner, Dean Horst which will be held on September 16, 2023 at 8 a.m. at 5292 Cumberland Highway, Chambersburg, PA. RSVP's are to be made by September 12, 2023 to confirm attendance.
- b. **PD Resignation**-The Township Manager presented Chief Michael McGovern's resignation effective December 31, 2023. On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted Chief McGovern's resignation effective December 31, 2023, vote was unanimous.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**- An update was given on the items he has been working on with our staff. The Solicitor advised the Board of Supervisors that he was asked to prepare an Ordinance for the Washington Township pension plans. The Solicitor reviewed the Township Code and found that the pension plans were not actually codified in the Code of Washington Township. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the codification for the 3 Washington Township Pension Plans subject to the cost not exceeding 5 hours, vote was unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS**- Supervisor DeDona created a list of items concerning a Budget Review Committee and a proposed project for Happel's Meadow and supplied each Board Member with a copy. Township Manager Vernon Ashway advised the Board he would not be present for the next workshop (Sept 11). He also advised the Board that DCNR did get in touch with the Township and that the Township would be receiving 4 to \$5,000 more on the Performance Grant than the prior year. The Assistant Township Zoning Officer advised the Board that they would have an upcoming rezoning hearing on October 16, 2023. Supervisor McCleaf suggested discussing the draft of topics for 2023 at their next meeting.

On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors entered executive session at approximately 2:30 p.m. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors came out of executive session at approximately 3:55 p.m.

On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to hire a police officer and send the officer to the academy in January, to look at the factors that would impact the size of the police department, possibly reduce the number of the department through attrition, and look at the evidence before changing the objective size of the police department in context with the budget, vote was unanimous.

On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Solicitor to write a letter to Attorney Tupitza requesting the funds paid by the Township to Attorney Tupitza, vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m. on a DeDona/McCracken motion, vote was unanimous.

  
Karen S. Hargrave Township Secretary