

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING -January 16, 2017 - 7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order by Chairman McCleaf. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisors McCleaf, Conrad, Gladhill, McCracken and Reichard. Also present were Manager Mike Christopher, Assistant Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Secretary Karen Hargrave, Township Planner Clint Rock, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Chief Keller, and 23 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Special Presentation

Supervisor McCleaf presented Fara Biesecker with a resolution highlighting the community service her husband Robert did for Washington Township. Robert passed away on December 28, 2016. Also present were Fara and Robert's sons, Levi and Nathan.

2. Ronnie Martin to address the Board

Ronnie Martin spoke on his concerns regarding the impact fees. He feels that the impact fees are too high and several potential commercial businesses have been lost over the excessive fees.

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

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN FIRE & RESCUE - DECEMBER & 2016 ANNUAL REPORTS: Fire Chief James Meek presented the December 2016 fire report along with the year end statistics. He also introduced the 2017 Administrative and Fire Officers and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the fire department for the township's recent support during the death of Robert Biesecker. On a Conrad/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2016 and year end Blue Ridge Mountain Fire & Rescue reports, vote was unanimous.

WAYNESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT - DECEMBER REPORT: Fire Chief Shawn Adolini presented the December 2016 fire report. On a Conrad/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2016 Waynesboro Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR DECEMBER: Chief Keller presented the December 2016 Police report to the Board of Supervisors. On a Gladhill/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2016 Police Department report, vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3, 2017 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES AND JANUARY 3, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a Conrad/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes for the January 3, 2017 Reorganization and the January 3, 2017 regular meetings, vote was unanimous.

INVOICES:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 114,629.45
Capital Reserve Fund	12,000.00
WTB Fund	3,927.00
Highway Aid Fund	<u>250.06</u>
Total Invoices	\$ 130,806.51

On a Conrad/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the invoices presented, vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The manager presented the December 2016 Treasurer's report. On a Conrad/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the December 2016 Treasurer's report, vote was unanimous.

DECEMBER RECYCLING REPORT: The manager presented the December 2016 Recycling report. On a Conrad/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2016 Recycling report, vote was unanimous.

PLOT PLANS:**1. 11-14 Susquehanna Trust-Withdrawal Letter**

Clint Rock, Township Planner, advised the Board of Supervisors that a letter dated January 1, 2017 was received from R. Lee Royer requesting the withdrawal of plan 11-14 because it has been renamed under the F&M Trust Antietam Humane Society. On a Conrad/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the withdrawal of plot plan 11-14, vote was unanimous.

2. Plan 8-16 Antietam Humane Society- 1 lot final

Clint Rock, Township Planner, advised the Board of Supervisors this plan was a final plan. This plan had a name change from Susquehanna Trust to Farmers & Merchant Trust. The Franklin County Planning Commission had no comments. WTMA sent a letter dated January 12, 2017 giving final approval to the plan. The Township Planning Commission recommended approval on September 12, 2016. On a Conrad/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved plot plan 8-16 Antietam Humane Society, 1 lot final, vote was unanimous.

3. Plan 11-16 Tier One Properties- Time Extension Request to 01-02-2018

Clint Rock, Township Planner, advised the Board of Supervisors that a letter dated January 1, 2017 was received from R. Lee Royer requesting a time extension for Tier One Properties to January 2, 2018. On a Reichard/Conrad motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the time extension for Tier One Properties from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018, vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Timber Sale Agreement- Battlefield Park

a. Declare timber surplus

On a Gladhill/Conrad motion, the Board of Supervisors declared the marked timber at the Monterey Battlefield Park as surplus, vote was unanimous.

b. Approve agreement with Ridge & Valley Forestry

On a Gladhill/Conrad motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the signing of the forest management and timber sale contract with Ridge & Valley Forestry, vote was unanimous.

2. Resolution 639 – Robert Biesecker

On a Gladhill/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 639, a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the late Robert Biesecker, vote was unanimous.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Washington Township Boulevard Project- 13th reimbursement

The Assistant Manager advised the Board of Supervisors that they had received the 13th reimbursement for the multimodal project of the Washington Township Boulevard.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Washco Avalon Townhomes Tax Appeal

The Solicitor presented information to the Board of Supervisors concerning an assessment appeal for Washco Avalon Townhomes, LLC versus the Franklin County Board of Assessment Appeals. On a Conrad/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to not actively participate in the tax appeal of Washco Avalon Townhomes, vote was unanimous.

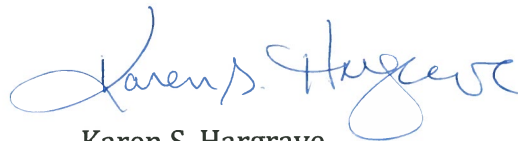
2. Executive Session- Legal and Real Estate Matters

On a Conrad/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors entered into executive session at approximately 7:29 pm, vote was unanimous.

On a Conrad/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors came out of executive session at approximately 8:12 pm, vote was unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS: The township manager stated there was a conflict with the previously selected date for the all-day meeting. The all-day meeting would now tentatively be scheduled for March 10, 2017. The township manager also suggested setting up a meeting between with Board of Supervisors and the Impact Fee Advisory Committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m. on a Conrad/Reichard motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Secretary



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