

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ALL DAY WORKSHOP MEETING – March 10, 2017**

The All Day Workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order by Chairman McCleaf at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisors Conrad, McCleaf, McCracken and Reichard. Supervisor Gladhill had surgery earlier in the week and was not present for this meeting. Also present were Manager Mike Christopher, Assistant Manager Jeff Geesaman and Secretary Karen Hargrave. No citizens were present.

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

FROM THE FLOOR: No comments.

8:00 AM – ANDY MOORE

Mr. Moore was present to discuss the public works department with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Moore thanked the Board of Supervisors for his job and hiring him and for the addition of the two new public works employees for year 2017. He advised that all is going well and all seem to work well together. The Board of Supervisors asked Mr. Moore if there was any equipment he felt was necessary for the public works department. Mr. Moore advised the Board of Supervisors that there were two pieces of equipment that he felt would be advantageous for the department. They were a 2 foot milling head for the skid loader and a broom for the skid loader which he felt would cost around approximately \$20,000 for both pieces of equipment. In the future he asked the Board of Supervisors to keep in mind that they would eventually need a new dump truck and requested that they consider a tandem truck. Also discussion was held on a possible new backhoe for the transfer station for the future.

8:30 AM – SEAN MCFARLAND - WTMA:

Mr. McFarland was present to discuss the following: the replacement of the force main in Blue Ridge Summit, the new pump station and the operational end for 2016, the application for a small DCED grant to finish the sewer line extension on Old Forge Road, their need for a new SCADA Computer System for their water system, and an update on the wells and water supply for Washington Township residents. The Board of Supervisors asked if the WTMA was satisfied with the Township's quality and response with their work. Mr. McFarland advised that the only thing that his men have been asking that the Township does not have is a mini excavator and didn't know if the township would have a need for that piece of equipment. Both Mr. McFarland and Authority Chairman Fred Eisenhart advised that WTMA was satisfied with the Township's work and had no intention of looking elsewhere.

9:00 AM – ANDREA HAUGH – ANTIETAM HUMANE SOCIETY:

Ms. Haugh, Director of the Antietam Humane Society, was present and explained what her job entailed and services that were available from her as Director and what services were handled by others such as the PA Dog Warden, the PA Game Commission and the Franklin

County Animal Response Team. Discussion was held on what the Township could do to help the Antietam Humane Society. Ms. Haugh requested the Township offer an annual donation if possible to the Antietam Humane Society. Supervisor Conrad asked Ms. Haugh if she could provide the Board of Supervisors with some past history as far as the number of animals and other data for the Washington Township area.

9:30 AM – BOBBY BINGAMAN - PENNDOT:

Bobby Bingaman, Franklin County Manager for PennDOT, and Rich Harmon, representative for Washington Township area, were present at this time. Discussion was held on whether there were any major projects that would be occurring this year within the Township, discussion on an agility contract with PennDOT in exchange for millings for the future and property in the Township they may need some attention. The paving projects this year are 997 from Clayton Avenue to the new bridge, Midvale Road and Route 16 from old Mill Road to Red Run Park.

10:00 AM – DENNY SHOCKEY – MEDIC 2:

Denny Shockey, Executive Director of Medic 2 and Rick Mitchell, Chief of Operations for Medic 2 were available to explain the current operation of Medic 2. Discussion was held on the operational side of Medic 2 and the purposes and differences of Medic 2 versus BLS. Mr. Christopher asked for a copy of their audit that should be completed in April/May of this year.

10:30 AM – CHIEF KELLER – POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Keller was present and some discussion was held on the succession plans for the police department when Chief Keller decides to retire which includes the process in interviewing and hiring. Due to the schedule of the agenda Chief Keller was asked to return later in the afternoon for further discussions.

11:00 AM - REPRESENTATIVE SCHEMEL:

Mr. Schemel arrived. Discussions were held on the Pennsylvania budget situation and that the agencies were having to defend the monies needed from the State, problems with pensions & retirements issues, DCED sources of revenue for grants, water companies, and DEP issues and the complaints of that department's shortages of labor.

11:30 AM – SENATOR ALLOWAY:

Senator Alloway arrived with Jeremy Shoemaker. Representative Schemel remained for discussions. Senator Alloway praised Paul Schemel for his support. Some of the same discussions were held as stated above for Representative Schemel. Senator Alloway asked for an explanation on the MS4 program. Mr. Christopher gave him an explanation and the effects it would have on residents of Washington Township. Senator Alloway advised he had a meeting with the regional DEP representative Joe Adams which he felt was a good and positive meeting. Senator Alloway also advised that Chad Reichard has worked hard and is responsible for progress on the E-Recycle program.

12:00 NOON – LUNCH WITH REPRESENTATIVE SCHEMEL AT CAFÉ DEL SOL:

The Board of Supervisors, the Manager, the Assistant Manager, the Secretary and Representative Schemel met for lunch and continued to discuss the problems the township

faces with items such as pension reform, the current Pennsylvania budget situation and miscellaneous items.

1:30 PM +/- - TRIP TO LIONS CLUB PARK

TRIP TO THE ROUZERVILLE RURITAN CLUB:

The Board of Supervisors, the Manager, the Assistant Manager, and the Secretary made trips to the Lions Club Park and the Rouzerville Ruritan Club to view the land and buildings acquired by Washington Township.

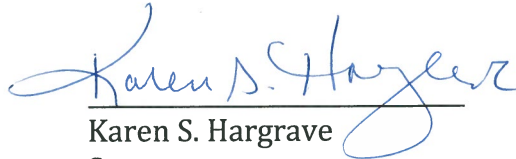
2:30 PM +/- - GOALS DISCUSSION FOR 2017:

The Board of Supervisors discussed some of their goals for this year such as overlay program for township roads, review of impact fees, the Washington Township Boulevard, address growth for the area, smooth transition for management, police contract issues and promoting the Township's parks.

3:45 PM - CONTINUATION - CHIEF KELLER - POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Board discussed some of the following issues with Chief Keller, responses to Walmart, the current drug/opioid situation in the Township, Antietam Humane Society's usage by the police department, how long the police department has been listing information on the blotter, and what, if anything, is the DA's office doing concerning the drug problem in our area.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. on a Conrad/Reichard motion, vote was unanimous.


Karen S. Hargrave
Secretary

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