

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING -Monday June 18, 2018 - 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, McCracken, Reichard, Gladhill and Strausbaugh were present. Also present were Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Secretary Karen Hargrave, Township Planner Vernon Ashway, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Police Chief Barry Keller and 72 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR: None

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

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a Reichard/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the June 4, 2018 regular meeting, vote was unanimous.

SWEARING IN OF FRANCIS E. GREEN AS BLUE RIDGE SUMMIT FIRE AND RESCUE FIRE POLICE: Chairman McCleaf gave an oath to Francis E. Green and he was officially sworn in as a fire police officer with Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue- Chief James Meek presented the May 2018 report from Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue. He also thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing the gun bash fundraiser to be held at Pine Hill Park earlier this month. On a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the May 2018 Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue report, vote was unanimous.

b. Waynesboro Fire Department- Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman presented the May 2018 report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a Gladhill/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the May 2018 Waynesboro Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.

c. Police Report- May 2018- Police Chief Barry Keller presented the police department report from May of 2018. On a Gladhill/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the May 2018 police department report, vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RE-ZONING:

At 7:30 PM on a Gladhill/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors opened the public hearing to discuss re-zoning. All persons wishing to speak during the hearing were given an oath and sworn in by Chairman McCleaf. The following people spoke during the hearing:

- Kate Carroll of 12373 North Welty Road spoke in opposition of the re-zoning changes because it could bring “passive” people into the neighborhood and she is also concerned with the additional traffic and speeding that could occur.
- Dennis Minnich of 10385 Mentzer Gap Road spoke on behalf of his elderly mother who lives in Wayne Heights amongst many other elderly residents. He asked what the real reason was behind the proposed rezoning changes and who had requested such changes? Manager Jeffrey Geesaman stated that no requests were received, and this was merely a step towards long range planning.
- Bryan Ansel of 12273 Shelby Avenue stated that he moved from Maryland for peace and quiet and was strongly opposed to the rezoning changes and would move if the changes took place.
- Holly Carey of 22 Hillcrest Avenue stated that she was a resident of Wayne Heights since 1980. She is concerned with the alley by her house possibly being closed with the proposed changes and Solicitor Lisko stated that was a private issue that would not be decided upon by the township. She said she was opposed to the changes because her street is already too narrow.
- Ann Raresheid of 395 Laurel Lane spoke in opposition of the changes because there are already too many issues they are dealing with such as trailers parking along the streets, kids playing basketball in the streets and new townhomes would lead to transient people in the development.
- Attorney Kim Gray of 212 Amanda Lane in Phoenixville represented her mother, Lillian Null of 34 Hillcrest Avenue and is opposed to the rezoning changes for her neighborhood.
- Stanley Rice of 13737 Mar Way Lane stated he lives in this area because of the quality of life it provides. He encouraged the Board of Supervisors to not make changes on a “whim.” If no change requests had been received, then why would any changes need to be made?
- Bill Montgomery of 217 Barnett Avenue stated he was strongly opposed to the rezoning changes and this would make it easier for someone to make requests in the future.
- Rodney Carey of 22 Hillcrest Avenue stated he was opposed to the rezoning changes and the low-income potential it could bring to the area. He referenced a previous request by Ronnie Martin to build duplexes at Barnett Avenue & Highland Terrace that was denied but said these proposed changes would now allow him to build those duplexes.
- Jenny Gladfelter of 13 Landis Avenue spoke in opposition to the proposed changes because of the additional traffic that it would bring to her neighborhood. She asked how this rezoning would affect their property taxes? Solicitor Lisko stated that homes would not be re-assessed because of a re-zoning change. If the property would be used the same way, then there would be no tax change.
- Frank Damazo of 12952 Welty Road spoke in opposition to the rezoning changes because property value will diminish, and everything will be affected.
- Tim Schwab of 12382 North Welty Road quoted Township Codes 360-4E and 360-113A and his opposition to the changes. He said the notice of public hearing signs were supposed to be posted non-conspicuously and the township did not adhere to this and instead posted them in unsafe areas of his neighborhood.

- Casey Smith of 32 Landis Avenue stated she had grown up in her younger life in a city setting and she feared that these rezoning changes would bring safety concerns and there would be an increased need for additional police officers.
- Michelle Wilkinson of 9934 Jennings Avenue stated that the local schools were already overcrowded, and class sizes were too large. She is opposed to the rezoning changes and there is already a shortage of parking in their development.
- Amy McCarter of 12327 Shelby Avenue stated she has concerns with Developer Ted Snowberger and not maintaining the properties he already has. She stated that he has not fixed issues with homes he has already constructed and there is a problem with trash in their development. She said their HOA laws state that rental units were not allowed.
- PJ McIntyre of 33 Barnett Avenue stated that the rezoning changes would make home values decrease therefore would taxes also be decreased? She asked if the township would be hiring additional police officers? She stated that rental units would not be maintained. She asked if Highland Terrance would be widened as it is already being used by non-locals as a bypass. She stated commercial properties can be used for residential use.
- Kane McCarter of 12327 Shelby Avenue stated that the local schools were already crowded and who would foot the bill to make the schools bigger? He felt "taxes would increase so that a developer can earn a buck." He stated the rezoning changes would make our community a third world country by allowing townhomes to be constructed.
- Lori Frantz of 10471 Buchanan Trail East asked about specific properties belonging to Layman, Mason and Pfeiffer which are currently zoned R-1, what would keep the township from moving down the boulevard to make changes to R-2? She asked what kept the township from changing her property to R-2? She encouraged the Board of Supervisors to think about "down the road" and the precedents that would be set for the future.
- Donna Deily of 9942 Jennings Avenue stated she was told a year ago that the empty lots in her development were zoned R-1 and nothing would be done with them. She is opposed to the proposed changes and doesn't think the changes would be safe for her neighborhood. She wishes her neighborhood to remain single family based.
- Sherry Walters of 222 Barnett Avenue asked if the infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, etc.) can handle the proposed changes? Chairman McCleaf stated that the Borough of Waynesboro services the area for water and it can maintain the changes. Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman stated that WTMA services the sewer lines and it could also handle the proposed changes.
- Gwen Rice of 24 Barnett Avenue stated she currently lived in a "fabulous and safe" neighborhood and these proposed changes would take away their peace of mind. She said it is already very difficult to make a left hand turn out of Barnett Avenue onto Main Street with the current zoning.
- Mark Calimer of 1515 Highland Terrace questioned how the residents would benefit as was stated in the letter that was mailed out by the township? He feels the proposed rezoning changes would not be beneficial.
- Ken Riley of 23 Hillcrest Avenue said it is already a dead-end street with no additional parking and he felt there were no benefits to the rezoning changes.

- Vicki Stinebaugh of 19 Geiser Avenue spoke on behalf of her ill mother who already deals with the issues created by the bright lights from the 2 auto part stores and the loud noises in the early morning from their trash trucks.
- Diane Thorpe of 12360 North Welty Road stated that the homes being built by Ted Snowberger cost approximately \$100,000.00 less than what she paid for hers 10 years ago. She is also concerned with speeding on her road.
- Brittany Peloquin of 12487 Jackson Avenue stated that she lives in the townhomes and they are still waiting on overflow parking and a park that has not been finished by the developer. She wants the speed limits to be better enforced and she is strongly opposed to the proposed rezoning changes.
- Tom McCallum of 13362 Linda Lane spoke on behalf of his daughter who lives on Geiser Avenue (near the 2 auto parts stores) and already has issues with speeding vehicles. Mr. McCallum stated he is very opposed to the rezoning changes being proposed.
- Robin Biser of 11656 Ironwood Drive stated she has a son and daughter that live in the townhomes on Jackson Avenue. She is concerned with storm water if the density level in that area changes. She said those residents living there are committed to living in a zoned R-1 neighborhood. She suggested the vacant commercial properties be utilized in that area.
- Tim Martin of 27 Geiser Avenue currently rents his home to his in-laws and asked if his property would be grandfathered R-1/Commercial? He stated that property owners would not be able to get loans from banks if the rezoning changes are adopted. He said there are already too many empty businesses in the Wayne Heights area.
- Paul Behnke of 321 Laurel Lane stated that he has been a resident of that area of 15-16 years and that he is concerned with the number of vehicles that already speed through his development. He said these proposed changes are not feasible.
- Jeff Grimes of 27 Geiser Avenue wanted his objection to the proposed rezoning changes on public record.
- Jim Calimer of 19 Landis Avenue stated he was strongly opposed to the rezoning changes and for the board to keep in mind the difference between "right and wrong."
- John Marshall of 13323 North Welty Road wanted his opposition to the zoning changes on public record.
- Bev Shaffer of 11370 North Landis Avenue said she currently has her home for sale and doesn't want to see her neighbors affected negatively by the proposed rezoning changes.
- Esther Martin of 217 Landis Avenue asked if there would be additional police protection after 10:00 P.M. because she was told previously that there is no patrolling after such hours.
- Jeff Hahn of 15 Barnett Avenue asked why only one side of Barnett Avenue was being rezoned?
- Tammy McCartell of 114 Oller Avenue stated she was opposed to the rezoning changes and said there was already going to be added congestion with the traffic light at Oller Avenue with the Dunkin Donuts being constructed. She said these conditions would be unsafe for the children in the area.

- Myrna Ferguson of 223 Barnett Avenue stated she is strongly opposed to the rezoning changes and wants to keep the kids safe in these neighborhoods.
- Jean Frantz of 13862 Welty Road stated there was too much being asked for at one time by these rezoning changes. She stated, "deep pockets have influence" and she was concerned the township could be taken advantage of.
- Sherry Grimes of 27 Geiser Avenue asked if eminent domain would become an issue with these rezoning changes. She is currently renting her home and is wanting to eventually purchase the home but fears she won't be able to afford the property if it is rezoned. She is strongly opposed to any rezoning changes.
- Virginio Moralis of 12333 Shelby Avenue stated he already must shuttle his kids to Mowrey Elementary School because the elementary school that his kids should be attending is already too full. He also stated that speeding cars have nearly hit his daughter in the past.
- Frank Damazo of 12952 Welty Road asked to make 2 final comments in addition to his previous statements. He stated the proposed changes do not adhere to the current comprehensive plan. He also said the decisions that would be made by the board would affect the way he voted in the next election.

At 9:06 PM on a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to close the public hearing and take a short recess before returning to the business on the agenda, vote was unanimous.

At 9:14 PM Supervisor Gladhill made the following statement: "she appreciated the great public turnout for this meeting and she wants the public to know that the supervisors are here to listen to the comments and concerns." The regular meeting then resumed.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO.681: On a Strausbaugh/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors rejected proposed resolution number 681, vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 266: On a Reichard/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors rejected proposed ordinance number 266, vote was unanimous.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 862,408.19
Highway Aid Fund	6,298.16
Capital Reserve Fund	450,000.00
WTB Fund	168,500.00
Police Pension Fund	<u>1,600.00</u>
 Total Invoices	 \$ 1,488,806.35

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

b. April 2018 Transfer Station Financial Report- On a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the April 2018 Transfer Station financial report, vote was unanimous.

c. April 2018 Recycling Financial Report- On a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the April 2018 Recycling center financial report, vote was unanimous.

d. Comcast channel changes- The Township Secretary read correspondence from Comcast regarding upcoming channel changes to the cable lineup.

e. Gallery 50 invite- An invitation was shared for an event at Gallery 50 on June 29, 2018.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

a. Recycling Report for May 2018- The Assistant Secretary presented the May 2018 recycling report. On a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the May 2018 recycling report, vote was unanimous.

ZONING OFFICER/PLANNER REPORTS:

a. Time Extension Request for Martin's Ridge Phase III- A time extension request was received from Springfield Contractors for 1 year for Martin's Ridge Phase III. On a Gladhill/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved a 1-year time extension request for Springfield Contractors and Martin's Ridge Phase III, vote was unanimous.

b. Time Extension Request for Glen Oaks- A time extension request was received from Glen Oaks RETTEW Project for a 1-year extension. On a Gladhill/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors approved a 1-year time extension request for the final land development plan for Glen Oaks, vote was unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Hiring of Robert L. Shaffer Jr., part-time transfer station employee- The Township Manager requested the ratification of hiring of Robert L. Shaffer Jr. for part time employment at the transfer station at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. On a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors ratified the hiring of Robert L. Shaffer Jr. for part time employment at the transfer station at an hourly rate of \$12.00, vote was unanimous.

b. Hiring of 2 part time employees at the transfer station as full-time: William Butler and Keith Patterson- The Township Manager stated that he requested the Board approve a change in employment status to full time for William Butler and Keith Patterson at the transfer station. On a Gladhill/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized employment status change to full time for William Butler and Keith Patterson, vote was unanimous.

c. Hiring of Tobiah Walizer as summer help for the parks department- The Township Manager presented information on Tobiah Walizer as part time summer help for the parks department beginning on June 25, 2018 at an hourly rate of \$9.50. On a Strausbaugh/Reichard motion, the Board of Supervisors ratified the hiring of Tobiah Walizer for part time employment with the parks department starting on June 25, 2018 at an hourly rate of \$9.50, vote was unanimous.

d. Request from One Mountain Foundation to stay in Rolando Woods Park until 8:30 PM on October 27, 2018- A written request was received from One Mountain Foundation to host a program at Rolando Woods Park on October 27, 2018 until 8:30 PM.

On a Reichard/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the request from One Mountain Foundation for October 27, 2018, vote was unanimous.

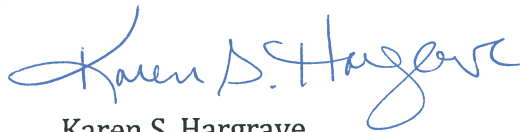
e. Request for \$35.00 refund for pavilion rental cancellation- A written request was received from Karen Lininger for a \$35.00 pavilion rental refund for August 5, 2018 at Red Run Park. On a Reichard/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the \$35.00 refund of a pavilion rental to Karen Lininger, vote was unanimous.

f. Municipal Winter Agreements for year 2018-2019- The paperwork for PennDOT's municipal winter agreements for year 2018-2019 was presented by the township manager. On a Reichard/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the 2018-2019 municipal winter agreement with PennDOT, vote was unanimous.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- No report

MISCELLANEOUS: The township manager discussed the recent complaints that have been received for parking on Jackson Avenue. He asked the residents that live on Jackson Avenue for suggestions and said he will check the subdivision plans to see if additional parking had been allowed for on the plans.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:51 p.m. on a McCracken/Gladhill motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Secretary

