

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING –Monday February 20, 2019**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Reichard. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisors Reichard, McCleaf, McCracken, Gladhill and Strausbaugh were present. Also present were Secretary Karen Hargrave, Township Planner Vern Ashway and 3 citizens. Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman was not present.

FROM THE FLOOR: None

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

PUBIC HEARING-RZ 19001, REZONING ON MONTEREY LANE: On a Gladhill/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors began the public hearing at approximately 7:04 p.m. Chairman Reichard swore in persons that intended to testify. Application in this matter was received December 20, 2018. The Washington Township Planning Commission at their February 11, 2019 meeting recommended approval of the zoning change. The Washington Township Engineers, Martin and Martin, by letter dated January 18, 2019 had no objections with the proposed changes. WTMA stated on November 19, 2018 that the utilities were available. The Franklin County Planning Commission on January 14, 2019 stated "no objection to rezoning". The public advertising for this Ordinance ran in the Record Herald on January 31st and February 8, 2019 and the site was posted by Vernon Ashway. Timothy Senseney and Bryan Coppola, owners of the Unique Bar and Grill, 13314 Monterey Lane, were present and opposed to this rezoning citing that this rezoning would limit their ability to expand their business. Supervisor Gladhill asked if they had been in contact with the liquor control board to see if this rezoning would affect their business. They advised that they had not been in touch with the liquor control board. Attorney Lisko commented that he was not sure that the property could be expanded when reviewing their lot as it currently is. Attorney Evans was present and representing Mr. Ott the property owner of this rezoning request. Mr. Evans was asked if the property would be used as a residence and he commented "yes". At this time, Mr. Evan's client had not arrived for the hearing because of in climate weather. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors recessed the hearing at this time to wait for Mr. Ott to arrive, vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the February 4, 2019 regular meeting, vote was unanimous.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$142,258.69
Highway Aid Fund	\$126,710.58
Capital Reserve	<u>\$ 39,688.41</u>

Total Invoices \$308,657.68

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

b. Donation from CV Rod and Custom Car Club- The Township Secretary presented a donation check from the Cumberland Valley Rod and Custom Car Club in the amount of \$2,000.00. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the donation and authorized the Secretary to send a letter of appreciation, vote was unanimous.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY REPORT:

a. Recycling Report – January 2019- The Township Secretary presented the January 2019 recycling report. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January 2019 recycling report, vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

a. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue January 2019 report- Township Planner Vernon Ashway presented the January 2019 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the January 2019 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was unanimous.

b. Police Report January 2019- Chief Barry Keller presented the January 2019 report from the Washington Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the January 2019 report from the Washington Township Police Department, vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

a. Subdivision Plan 01-19, 316 Properties, LLC- Township Planner Vern Ashway presented the subdivision and land development plan and waiver request for LLC Properties. This plan involves 205 acres with 5 lot additions. They were requesting a waiver from the Township subdivision requirements which would require widening of the road. The Township Planning Commission recommended approval pending waivers granted by the Board of Supervisors on February 11, 2019. The Franklin County Planning Commission responded by letter on January 22, 2019 with no comment. The WTMA responded January 24, 2019 with no comment. Martin and Martin responded with comments on January 23, 2019. The Board had discussions on the waiver of widening the road. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved 01-19, 316 Properties, LLC, subject to the following notes being placed on the plan "Any future subdivision or land development of the property depicted on this plan shall be subject to requirements as set forth in Township of Washington Code Section 310-21 (N), and the waiver as requested, vote was unanimous.

BACK FROM RECESS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING: On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors re-opened the public hearing at approximately 7:45 p.m., vote was unanimous.

Attorney Jeffrey Evans was sworn in by Chairman Reichard. Mr. Evans explained that the property had been vacant for years and that extending the commercial neighborhood zone would allow his client to do something with the vacant property. His client intended to

use the property to make it into 5 apartments. Attorney Lisko confirmed that it would be 5 apartments. Mr. Evans answered "yes". At this time Chairman Reichard swore in Michael Curtis who also owns a property that would be affected by this zoning. He wanted to know what affect this zoning would have on his property. Some discussion was held with Mr. Curtis. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing on this matter at approximately 8:02 p.m., vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors denied rezoning request RZ-19001 as presented, vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to proceed with the process to add a conditional use in the commercial zone. The new conditional use would be to allow apartments with 7 dwelling units or less. Vote was unanimous.

RESUME ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

b. Consideration of Resolution #693, Road dedication for a portion of N. Landis Ave. and Blue Rock Road, with conditions. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution #693, which should have been Resolution # 692 because of the prior denial of the rezoning request at this meeting, subject to the following conditions; 1) signed and notarized copies of the deeds received by the Township, 2) a release for the mortgage on the Snowberger property must be recorded at the Courthouse, and 3) the township should receive a check for the recording fees for the Deeds and a check for recording the Resolution, vote was unanimous.

c. Request for the Great American Clean Up. The Township received a letter dated January 29, 2019 from PA Department of Environmental Protection requesting the Township's participation in the Great American Clean Up event held March 1 through May 31, 2019. The Township usually waives their transfer station fees for this event. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors waived the fees for this event from March 1 through May 31, 2019, vote was unanimous.

d. Consideration to dissolve the Train Committee. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township to dissolve the Township's train committee, vote was unanimous.

e. Real Estate Matter-Pennersville Road. Discussion was held on a small piece of property the Township owns and what it would require to be able to sell that piece of property. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to start the process to sell this piece of property, vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a McCracken/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors entered into executive session at approximately 8:36 p.m., vote was unanimous.

a. Interview of a candidate for a position of Police Officer to attend the Academy starting in July 2019.

b. Real Estate Matter.

On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors exited executive session at approximately 9:38 p.m., vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion the Board of Supervisors tabled the conflict waiver until their next workshop meeting scheduled for February 27, 2019, vote was unanimous. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors extended a conditional offer of employment to Tanner Thorsen per the Township's Collective Bargaining agreement in order for Mr. Thorsen to qualify and attend the Police Academy beginning July 2019 and employment is conditioned upon Mr. Thorsen's satisfactory completion of the Police Academy, vote was unanimous.

MANAGERS REPORT-The Township Manager was not present for this meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- No report.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m. on a McCleaf/McCracken motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary