

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING -Monday March 18, 2019**

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

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Reichard, McCleaf, Gladhill, McCracken and Strausbaugh were present. Also present were Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Township Planner Vernon Ashway, Reporter Andrea Rose and 5 citizens. Township Secretary Karen Hargrave was not present.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** Dan DeDonna of 12036 Mentzer Gap Road, Waynesboro, announced that he would be running for Township Supervisors in the May primary race.

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

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

**REPORTS:**

**a. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue February 2019 report-** Fire Chief James Meek presented the February 2019 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2019 Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue report, vote was unanimous. Chief Meek also gave an update on upcoming fundraisers and some recent issues with EMS staffing and training requirements.

**b. Waynesboro Fire Dept. December 2018 report-** Deputy Chief Jody Sanders presented the December 2018 report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the December 2018 Waynesboro Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.

**c. Waynesboro Fire Dept. 2018 annual report-** Deputy Chief Jody Sanders presented the 2018 annual report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2018 Waynesboro Fire Department annual report, vote was unanimous.

**d. Waynesboro Fire Dept. January 2019 report-** Deputy Chief Jody Sanders presented the January 2019 report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January 2019 Waynesboro Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.

**e. Waynesboro Fire Dept. February 2019 report-** Deputy Chief Jody Sanders presented the February 2019 report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2019 Waynesboro Fire Department report, vote was unanimous.

**f. Waynesboro Ambulance Squad January & February 2019 reports-** Dennis Ott Jr. of the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad presented the January and February 2019 reports from the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January and February 2019 reports of the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad, vote was unanimous.

**g. Washington Township Police Dept. February 2019 report-** Chief Barry Keller presented the February 2019 Washington Township Police Department report. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2019 Washington Township Police Department report, vote was unanimous.

**h. American Odyssey Relay Race memo from Barry Keller-** Chief Barry Keller presented information to the Board of Supervisors about the upcoming American Odyssey Relay Race on April 26, 2019. Detailed maps showing race routes through Washington Township along with a current certificate of liability insurance were presented. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the American Odyssey Relay Race on April 26, 2019, vote was unanimous.

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

### **a. Invoices:**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$109,226.70
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 4,547.33
WTB Fund	<u>\$ 771.05</u>
Total Invoices	\$ 114,545.08

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

## **ASSISTANT SECRETARY REPORT:**

**a. Recycling report- February 2019-** The Assistant Secretary presented the February 2019 recycling report. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the February 2019 recycling report, vote was unanimous.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. Property changes in Washington Township- February 2019-** The February 2019 property changes report was presented to the Board of Supervisors.

**b. Local realty transfer tax- February 2019-** The February 2019 Franklin County local realty transfer tax distribution list was presented to the Board of Supervisors.

**c. Franklin County Tax Claim Judicial Sale- CIG Comp Tower LLC-** The Township Manager presented information for a petition for rule judicial sale filed against CIG Comp Tower LLC. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept service of the petition for rule and have the Manager sign the document, vote was unanimous.

**d. Franklin County Tax Claim Judicial Sale- Randall Stottlemeyer-** The Township Manager presented information for a petition for rule judicial sale filed against Randall Stottlemeyer. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept service of the petition for rule and have the Manager sign the document, vote was unanimous.

**e. Franklin County Tax Claim Judicial Sale- Ian Seilhamer-** The Township Manager presented information for a petition for rule judicial sale filed against Ian Seilhamer. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept service of the petition for rule and have the Manager sign the document, vote was unanimous.

**f. Franklin County Tax Claim Judicial Sale- Mark Smith-** The Township Manager presented information for a petition for rule judicial sale filed against Mark Smith. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept service of the petition for rule and have the Manager sign the document, vote was unanimous.

**ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**a. St. Andrew Catholic Church Softball team request-** An email request was received from Harry Blades of the St. Andrew Catholic Church softball league. The request was for permission to use the rear ball field at the Rouzerville Community Center in cooperation with the Pen Mar Little League. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors agreed to let the St. Andrew Catholic Church softball team use the rear ball field at the Rouzerville Community Center contingent to proof of liability insurance to the township, vote was unanimous.

**b. Consideration of conditional use change (discussion)-** A discussion was held on holding a conditional use hearing to allow apartments in commercial zoning. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to not pursue a conditional hearing which would allow apartments in a commercial zoning area, vote was unanimous.

**c. Code Enforcement Officer's report-** The Zoning Officer presented the February 2019 report from the Code Enforcement Officer on new property complaints and updates. A discussion was held on the John Gallup property located at 12601 Old Germantown Road. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors declared the John Gallup property at 12601 Old Germantown Road a nuisance in fact because of junk and unlicensed vehicles being stored on the property, vote was unanimous.

**d. Advertising for 2 part-time positions for the Parks Department-** On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the advertisement for 2 part-time positions for the Parks Department for the summer, vote was unanimous.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**a. Resolution #693 for grant request for the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park trail system-** On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #693 for grant request at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park for trail systems, vote was unanimous.

**b. Resolution #694 changing the rules and regulations for the Police Department-** On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #694 which revised and updated the Washington Township Police Department rules and regulations, vote was unanimous.

**c. Appointment of Officer Michael McGovern as officer-in-charge effective April 1, 2019-** The Township Manager presented information on promoting Officer Michael McGovern to officer in charge. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved appointing Michael McGovern as officer in charge, effective April 1, 2019 for the Washington Township Police Department, vote was unanimous.

**d. Approve compensation rate for officer-in-charge position-** The Township Manager presented information on compensation for Michael McGovern as newly appointed officer in charge effective April 1, 2019. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$4,000.00 increase to Michael McGovern's annual pay rate effective April 1, 2019 through the pay period in which Chief Barry Keller retires and also following the retirement of Chief Barry Keller an additional \$8,000.00 pay increase effective the first full pay period after the Chief of Police retires and subject to adjustment by the Board of Supervisors, vote was unanimous.

**e. W.T.P.A. request for purchase of duty weapons-** The Township Manager presented a letter dated March 15, 2019 from Terry DeWitt, Secretary, of the Washington Township Police Association requesting approval of purchasing duty weapons. The letter requested the approval to purchase 3 duty weapons at a price of \$250.00 each for (retired) Corporal Lloyd Perkins, (retired) Officer Richard Robinson and Officer Matthew Schmidt. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Washington Township Police Association to purchase duty weapons at a cost of \$250.00 each for Corporal Perkins and Officer Richard Robinson since they were fully retired, vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to consider a police officer as retired (in order to purchase a duty weapon) the officer must be eligible to draw their pension, vote was unanimous.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT-** The Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss legal matters.

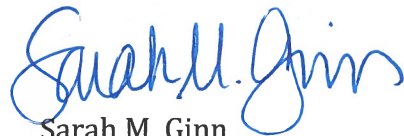
**MISCELLANEOUS:** The Township Manager asked the Board of Supervisors who would be attending the upcoming PSATS convention in April. Supervisors McCleaf and Strausbaugh stated they would be in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Legal Matters (at the request of the Solicitor)

On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors entered executive session at approximately 8:18p.m., vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors exited executive session at approximately 8:49p.m., vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50p.m. on a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, vote was unanimous.



Sarah M. Ginn  
Assistant Township Secretary