

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING - May 20, 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, Township Secretary Karen Hargrave, Township Planner Vernon Ashway, Reporters Sherry Greenfield and Andrea Rose, and 16 citizens.

**LIEUTENANT KANE, PA STATE POLICE CHAMBERSBURG STATION COMMANDER:** Lieutenant Kane, Chambersburg PA State Police Station Commander, was present to introduce himself to the Township and citizens. Lieutenant Kane was appreciative of the support and help they received from all entities during the recent abduction of 4-year old Gemma Moats. Supervisor Gladhill expressed thanks for the media communications from the Pennsylvania State Police during the event. Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman appreciated Lieutenant Kane's appearance and information given. Lieutenant Kane advised that the Pennsylvania State Police moved into the new barracks at 3800 Black Gap Road.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** No comments.

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

The Board of Supervisors moved to item # 8 of the Agenda because the Court Reporter was running late for the upcoming Conditional Use Public Hearing.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the May 6, 2019 regular meeting, vote was unanimous.

**REPORTS:**

**a. Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue April 2019 Report-**Chief James Meek presented the April 2019 report of Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. He also advised that the joint gun bash is coming up in two weeks. He also advised that they were scheduled to have a Sunday training session at Red Run Park. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the April 2019 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was unanimous.

**b. Waynesboro Ambulance April 2019 Report-**DJ Ott presented the April 2019 Operational Report. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2019 Waynesboro Ambulance Report, vote was unanimous.

**c. Waynesboro Fire Company March and April 2019 Reports-** Manager Jeffrey Geesaman presented the March and April 2019 Reports provided by the Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the March and April 2019 Waynesboro Fire Company reports, vote was unanimous.

**d. Washington Twp. Police Department April 2019 Report-**Chief Keller presented the April 2019 Police Department report. Supervisor McCleaf commented that

the Department used only one naloxone during the year. On a Gladhill/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the April 2019 Washington Township Police Department report, vote was unanimous.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**a. YMCA Spokes Strokes and Strides Triathlon event approval (Chief Keller)-** Chief Keller presented the information to the Board of Supervisors on the Waynesboro Area YMCA 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Triathlon. He advised that all paperwork looked to be in order and insurance information in place. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the YMCA Spokes Strokes and Strides Triathlon event, vote was unanimous.

**b. Blue Ridge Summit Free Library Ice Cream Social (Manager)-**The Township Manager presented the special event permit for the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library Ice Cream Social scheduled for July 20, 2019. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library Ice Cream Social event scheduled for July 20, 2019, vote was unanimous.

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

##### **a. Invoices:**

The following invoices and/or transfers were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$93,873.22
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 1,855.02
WTB Fund	<u>\$ 5,169.17</u>
Total Invoices	\$ 100,897.41

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Transfer to Cap Res 25,000.00

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

**b. Recycling Financial Reports for January and February 2019-** The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented the January and February 2019 Recycling Financial Reports report. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January and February 2019 Recycling Financial Reports, vote was unanimous.

**c. Transfer Station Financial Reports for January and February 2019-** The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented the January and February 2019 Transfer Station reports. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the January and February 2019 Transfer Station Financial Reports, vote was unanimous.

**d. March Treasurer's Report-**The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented the March 31, 2019 Treasurer's report. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the March 2019 Treasurer's report, vote was unanimous.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. F&M Trust Business Mixer Invite-** An invitation was presented to the Board of Supervisors for a "Business After Hours Mixer" for May 23, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

#### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**a. Circus Request to Use Park-** The Township received a request from Lewis &

Clark Circus requesting to use Pine Hill Park or Red Run Park on June 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The circus would be holding two shows. Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman advised the Board that he felt the better place for this event would be Red Run Park in the lower field. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Lewis & Clark Circus to be held at Red Run Park in the lower field for a fee of \$300, vote was unanimous.

**b. Waynesboro Area School District to Use Pine Hill Park-**The Waynesboro Area Middle School requested to have a field day activity on May 28, 2019 at Pine Hill Recreational Park, they would like to utilize Pavilion A, use the fields and requested the fee for this event be waived. A motion was made by Supervisor McCleaf and seconded by Supervisor Gladhill to allow the school district to utilize Pine Hill Park as requested, the motion died for lack of support. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors rescinded that motion, vote was unanimous. Supervisor Strausbaugh made a motion to extend the non-profit policy to the school district for the rental of Pavilion A at Pine Hill Park. This motion failed for lack of a second to the motion. On McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors denied the above request of the Waynesboro Area Middle School, vote was unanimous.

**c. Letter from Soccer Shots-**The Township received a letter dated May 10, 2019 from Soccer Shots requesting the use of green space at Pine Hill Park on June 5, 2019 from 6-7:30 p.m. and also requesting an 8-week season to start on June 13<sup>th</sup> and run through August 8, 2019 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors granted the above request at the rate of \$20.00 per night, vote was unanimous.

**d. Memo on Montano Property-**The Board of Supervisors were provided with a Memorandum concerning a property at 11489 Anthony Highway which is not in compliance with the Township Code. A letter of violation was posted at the property, a reminder letter was posted at the property and numerous voice mail messages have been left but actual contact has not been made as of this date. The CEO for Washington Township will move forward with this violation.

**e. P.M.Y.L. Request on Lights-**The Township received a letter from P.M.Y.L. dated May 14, 2019 requesting approval to install field lights on the baseball field at the Pine Hill Recreation Area on Mentzer Gap Road. On a Strausbaugh/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors tabled this matter for further discussion, vote was unanimous.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE FOR BRIDGE SIDE FARMS, LLC.**

On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors opened the public hearing for Conditional Use for Bridge Side Farms, LLC, vote was unanimous. Chairman Reichard asked any persons who wished to testify to stand and be sworn/affirmed in.

Approximately 7 persons were sworn/affirmed to testify. Vernon Ashway, Township Planner provided the basic information on the application as follows:

The application was filed on March 15, 2019. The Applicant was Bridge Side Farms LLC/Galen Hess. The owner of the property is Roy Martin. The conditional use case number is CU-19001. The Planning Commission heard this matter on April 8, 2019. The purpose of this application was to request permission to use the house located at that property for temporary seasonal workers from June 22 through October 30. The Township received responses from DEP, Martin & Martin, JWP and Chamberlin & Wingert. Chamberlin and Wingert performed an inspection on the current septic system and determined the current septic system could not handle the use of 15 persons. The Township received one letter from Verna M. Brown. The Board of Supervisors requested

Mr. Galen Hess to give an explanation of his application for the conditional use he has requested. The Supervisors had several questions for Mr. Hess:

1. Did he own the property
2. What were the sewer issues
3. Could he have less than 15 persons that need to use the house
4. What would he do if current system failed

The following persons came forward to ask questions and/or give their comments:

Chuck Beale, 10885 Gehr Road, Waynesboro. Mr. Beale was in opposition of this conditional use request.

Connie Reichelderfer, 11080 Gehr Road, Waynesboro. Ms. Reichelderfer was in opposition of this conditional use request.

On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing for conditional use for Bridge Side Farms, LLC, vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held by the Board of Supervisors on this conditional use request. The Board had some of the following questions:

Whether the septic tank should be pumped more often, what happens with the house the rest of the year, could Mr. Hess reduce the number of workers, that there are other seasonal houses in the area, what kind of transportation is offered for the workers, had Mr. Hess had any issues with workers in the past, whether other properties have outside groups that come in and offer assistance with the workers, whether jobs are filled from within the United States first before going outside of the United States, the number of bathrooms currently in the house, whether the approval would be for Bridge Side Farms or for the property location, and whether the owner of the property was involved in this process.

On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the conditional use subject to the following conditions, vote was unanimous:

1. Must meet yearly potable water testing and approval as per State & Federal requirements
2. Septic system to meet the requirements of the Washington Township Septic Enforcement Officer as well as any State or Federal requirements
3. Residents in the home will be limited to 15 persons total
4. The Conditional Use is only permitted between June 22 and October 30 of any given year
5. Must be in compliance with all Dept. of Ag. and U.C.C. requirements
6. The owner of the property must file a letter with the Township that he is in agreement for this conditional use of the property
7. That the group home be managed in the name of and managed by Bridge Side Farms, LLC and Galen Hess and this conditional use is limited to a period of 2.5 years

Solicitor Mills will prepare the Findings of Fact for this conditional use since this was a contested conditional use application.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**a. Traffic Light Maintenance Bids-** The Township Manager presented the bids he received for traffic light maintenance for the Township. The Township manager recommended awarding the bid to PA Percs. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors awarded the Traffic Light Maintenance bid to PA PERCS, vote was unanimous.

**b. April 2019 Recycling Report-** The Township Manager presented the April 2019 Recycling Report. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the April 2019 Recycling Report, vote was unanimous.

**c. Probationary Employment-** The Township Manager presented a Probationary Employment letter concerning Officer Harris and recommended that the Township not offer permanent employment at the conclusion of his probationary period. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Probationary Employment letter to not offer permanent employment to Officer Harris, vote was unanimous.

**d. Donation from Patriot Federal Credit Union-**The Township received a donation check from Patriot Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$25,000 toward new restrooms at Pine Hill Park. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the \$25,000 donation from Patriot Federal Credit Union for new Pine Hill Park restrooms, vote was unanimous.

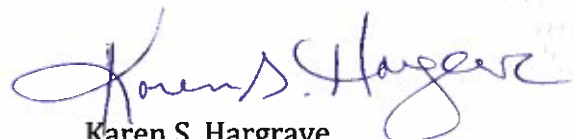
**e. Wide Format Printer/Scanner-**The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented bids for a Wide Format Printer/Scanner to the Board of Supervisors. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion the Board of Supervisors approved the bid from Print O Stat as presented, vote was unanimous.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT-** The Solicitor gave updates on a particular subdivision issue the came to the Township late and under the Township Code, could not be presented at this evening's meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Supervisor McCracken mentioned that the traffic light at Welty Road and Route 16 (to be able to turn) is not working properly. Supervisor Gladhill asked if the Board wanted to setup a workshop meeting to discuss Ordinance changes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- Legal Matters-** At approximately 9:04 PM on a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to go into executive session to discuss legal matters, vote was unanimous. At approximately 9:20 PM on a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to come out of executive session and re-enter regular session, vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20p.m. on a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave  
Township Secretary

