

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING -Monday July 15, 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, and Strausbaugh were present. Supervisor McCracken was not present. Also present were Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Township Secretary Sarah Ginn, Township Planner Vernon Ashway, Reporter Sherry Greenfield and 4 citizens.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** Wayne Fry of 13529 Old Mill Road, Waynesboro spoke on his concerns with the Amsterdam Road bridge closure and detour. He feels the bridge has been closed for too long and he is experiencing aggressive drivers when he enters and exits his driveway which is near the detour.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the agenda as presented, vote was 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the June 17, 2019 regular meeting, vote was 4-0.

**REPORTS:**

**a. Waynesboro Fire Department June 2019 report-** Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman presented the June 2019 report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Waynesboro Fire Department June 2019 report, vote was 4-0.

**b. Operational report for Waynesboro Ambulance Squad June 2019-** The Waynesboro Ambulance Squad June 2019 operational report was presented by DJ Ott. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad June 2019 operational report, vote was 4-0.

**c. Washington Township Police Report June 2019-** Township Planner Vernon Ashway presented the Washington Township Police Department report for June 2019 in the absence of Chief Keller. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the June 2019 Washington Township Police Department report, vote was 4-0.

**d. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue June 2019 report-** Captain Matthew Bonner presented the June 2019 Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue report. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the June 2019 Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue report, vote was 4-0. Mr. Bonner also mentioned that they would be having a special cash bash bingo next month (date to be determined) and a wing feed on September 21.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

**a. Invoices:**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 81,386.94
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 2,601.33

Police Pension	\$ 3,100.00
WTB Fund	\$ <u>8,016.55</u>
Total Invoices	\$ 95,104.82

On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the invoices presented, vote was 4-0.

**b. Deposits from Franklin County Area Tax Bureau-** The Township Treasurer presented information on 2 direct deposits received for EIT (\$45,405.97) and LST (\$946.30) from Franklin County Area Tax Bureau.

**c. Treasurer's Report May 2019-** The Township Treasurer presented the May 2019 Treasurer's report to the Board of Supervisors. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the May 2019 Treasurer's report, vote was 4-0.

#### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**a. Recycling report June 2019-** The Assistant Township Secretary presented the June 2019 recycling report. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the June 2019 recycling report, vote was 4-0.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. 2019 Elected Official Community Leader Invitation-** An invitation was received from the Franklin County Fire Chief's Association inviting our Board of Supervisors to an appreciation dinner being held in conjunction with the 2019 Junior Firefighter Academy on July 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the training center on Molly Pitcher Highway South.

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

**a. Permit report for June 2019-** The Township Zoning Officer presented the June 2019 permit report to the Board of Supervisors.

**b. Martin's Ridge Phase III-** The Township Zoning Officer presented a letter from Matt Eyster, Vice-President, of Springfield Contractors, requesting a one-year extension for Martin's Ridge Phase III subdivision with a new date of June 3, 2020. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved a one-year extension to June 3, 2020 for Martin's Ridge Phase III subdivision at the request of Springfield Contractors, vote was 4-0.

**c. Rouzerville United Methodist Church request for a rental refund-** A refund request was presented from the Rouzerville United Methodist Church for the Rouzerville Community Center on July 6, 2019. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved a refund request to the Rouzerville United Methodist Church for a rental on July 6, 2019 at the Rouzerville Community Center, vote was 4-0.

**d. Request by Andy Gehr to donate his time and material to freshen up Millwood Village Park-** The Township Zoning Officer presented a memo stating that Andy Gehr had requested permission from the township to donate time and materials to freshen up the playground at Millwood Village Park. On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept the time and material donation from Andy Gehr to freshen up the playground at Millwood Village Park, vote was 4-0.

**e. Request to accept donated "October Glory" maple tree to be planted-** A donation of an "October Glory" maple tree sapling was received from Taylor Shelton of 12363 Shelby Avenue. The Township Zoning Officer stated that the tree was planted at Happel's Meadow near a bench at the beginning of the walking trail. On a McCleaf/Gladhill

motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the "October Glory" maple tree donation from Taylor Shelton for Happel's Meadow, vote was 4-0.

**f. Request to metal detect-** A letter was received from township resident Tobiah Walizer to request a metal detector permit to be used at Pine Hill, Red Run and Monterey Park areas. A motion was made by Supervisor Strausbaugh to deny a metal detector permit for all 3 requested parks for Tobiah Walizer, the motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Supervisor McCleaf to deny a metal detector pass for Monterey Pass grounds, Supervisor McCleaf then rescinded his motion. A brief discussion was held by the Board of Supervisors on the current metal detecting procedures currently in use by the township. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to table the request to metal detect by Tobiah Walizer and to evaluate the need to develop guidelines for metal detecting in our Washington Township parks, vote was 4-0. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to abolish any metal detecting at the Battle of Monterey Pass (except for special permission requests approved by the Board of Supervisors) and notify the Friends of Monterey Pass officials of the decision, vote was 4-0. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors rescinded any current metal detecting permits (card holders) of the Battle of Monterey Pass effective immediately, vote was 4-0.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS:** The Township Solicitor, Zachary Mills, gave a brief update on the projects that he was working on currently.

Supervisor Strausbaugh stated that Curtis Mummert of Buchanan Auto may have a truck for the transfer station to use within our \$1,500.00 budget for such vehicle.

Supervisor Gladhill reminded the Board of Supervisors of the upcoming Blue Ridge Summit Library Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Township Manager stated that the township has asked for the assistance from Dan DeDona to look at GIS system upgrades which would be compatible with the system WTMA uses. The Township Manager also stated that the box needed to make the repairs to the Wyndham Avenue bridge has been ordered, the easements have been signed and WTMA will be lowering the water line in that area.

Supervisor Strausbaugh discussed the historical Welty Road bridge and its future. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion the Board of Supervisors approved the township to send a letter of appreciation recognizing the private support of the historical society and its efforts for the Welty Road bridge, vote was 4-0.

On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to go into executive session at approximately 8:03 p.m. to discuss legal matters, vote was 4-0.

On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to come out of executive session at approximately 9:01 p.m., vote was 4-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:04 p.m. on a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, vote was 4-0.



Karen S. Hargrave  
Township Secretary