

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING -December 16, 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, McCracken, Gladhill and Strausbaugh were present. Also present were Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Planner Vernon Ashway, Township Secretary Karen Hargrave, Supervisor Elect Dan DeDona, Solicitor Zachary Mills, Reporters Sherry Greenfield and Andrea Rose and 3 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 DECEMBER 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** On a Gladhill/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the December 4, 2019 regular meeting, vote was unanimous.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

**a. Invoices:**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 154,485.30
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 8,347.86
WTB Fund	<u>\$ 225.00</u>
Total Invoices	\$ 163,058.16

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

**b. Otterbein Church "Random Acts of Kindness" Donation to WTPD-** An email was received from Officer in Charge McGovern detailing 2 gift cards that were given to the Police Department from the local Otterbein Church during a random act of kindness day. A \$15.00 gift card for Dunkin Donuts and a \$5.00 gift card for Turkey Hill were given to the Police Department. On a Strausbaugh/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2 gift cards donated to the Police Department, vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2020 BUDGET:** The final version of the 2020 budget was presented. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 budget as presented, vote was unanimous.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**a. Recycling Report- November 2019-** The Township Secretary presented the November 2019 recycling report to the Board of Supervisors. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the November 2019 recycling report as presented, vote was unanimous.

**REPORTS:**

**a. Waynesboro Ambulance Operational Report November 2019-** DJ Ott, representing the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad, presented the November 2019 operational report. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the November 2019 operational report of the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad, vote was unanimous.

**b. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Operational Report November 2019-** The November 2019 operational report of Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue was presented. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the November 2019 operational report of Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was unanimous.

**c. Washington Township Police Report November 2019-** Officer in Charge Michael McGovern presented the November 2019 report of the Washington Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/Gladhill motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Washington Township Police Department report for November 2019, vote was unanimous.

**I. Recognized the fine job the Police Department did with the Red Run Santa Express Ride on December 7<sup>th</sup>-** The Board of Supervisors acknowledged and recognized the Police Department and staff for the hard work that was done to make the 2019 Red Run Santa Express event on December 7<sup>th</sup> such a success.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ORDINANCE NO. 271- REPLACEMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A PLANNING COMMITTEE-** There were no public comments given on this proposed ordinance.

**BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 271-** On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance number 271 which replaced the township's planning commission with a planning committee, vote was unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. Invite from Senator Douglas Mastriano-** An invitation was presented from Senator Douglas Mastriano for a local government officials' breakfast on January 10, 2020 at the American Legion Post #46 in Chambersburg. Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to pre-register.

**b. RE/MAX Tree Recycling-** A letter was received from Darwyn Benedict of RE/MAX Associates Realty Group inviting the public to recycle their live Christmas trees on January 1, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 410 North Grant Street in Waynesboro. This information will be shared on our website as well.

**ZONING:**

**a. Resignation from Planning Commission member Christopher Firme-** The Township Zoning Officer presented a letter of resignation dated December 15, 2019 from Christopher Firme from the Washington Township Planning Commission. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the resignation of Christopher Firme from the township's planning commission, vote was unanimous.

**b. Resignation from Planning Commission member Jay Heefner-** The Township Zoning Officer presented an email containing a letter of resignation dated December 5, 2019 from Jay Heefner from the Washington Township Planning Commission. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the resignation of Jay Heefner from the township's planning commission, vote was unanimous.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** The Township Manager gave an update on the progress of the transition that the Police Department and Officer in Charge McGovern are going through. Also, police academy cadet Travis McFarland will be graduating from the academy on December 20, 2019.

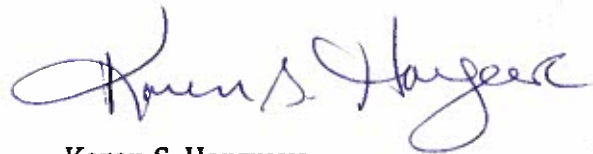
**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Solicitor Mills gave updates on the following issues: pending litigation concerning the Amsterdam Road bridge and he is working on an updated resolution of the rules and regulations for the police department.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Elaine Gladhill expressed her thankfulness in the ability to serve as a Township Supervisor for the past 12 years.

On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to go into executive session to discuss real estate matters at 7:24 p.m., vote was unanimous.

On a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to come out executive session at 8:13 p.m., vote was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on a Gladhill/McCleaf motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave  
Township Secretary

