

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING -Monday, July 6, 2020**

****Note* This meeting was held in person and via teleconference due to the Covid-19 pandemic.***

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, McCracken, McCleaf, DeDona and Strausbaugh were present. Also present were Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Township Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway, Police Chief Michael McGovern and Solicitor Zachary Mills and 3 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR: John Gorman spoke on behalf of the Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield group with their desire to purchase the "Toll Gate House" which would complement the Battlefield property and museum. A discussion was held on possible grant or private funding that would be necessary to make this a success.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING MINUTES: On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the June 15, 2020 meeting, vote was unanimous.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 56,371.44
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 6,252.91
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 95.95
WTB Fund	<u>\$ 595.00</u>
 Total Invoices	 \$ 63,315.30

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

b. Treasurer's Reports April & May 2020- The Township Treasurer presented the April and May 2020 Treasurer's reports. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the April and May 2020 Treasurer's reports, vote was unanimous.

c. Donation to WTPD from Tripwire Operations Group- A letter was received from Chief McGovern detailing a donation from Ryan Morris, owner of Tripwire Operations Group, of 3 ProMag 9mm magazines for the department rifles. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the donation from Ryan Morris, owner of Tripwire Operations Group of 3 magazines for the department rifles, vote was unanimous.

d. Donation to O'Connor Property from Jon & Linda Fleagle- The Township Treasurer presented 2 checks totaling \$200.00 for the Pat O'Connor property from Jon and Linda Fleagle. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the \$200.00 donation from Jon and Linda Fleagle for the Pat O'Connor property on Lyons Road, vote was unanimous.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

a. Pavilion Refund Requests- The Zoning Officer presented 7 pavilion refund requests to the Board of Supervisors. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the following refunds: Candy Inman \$45.00, Henrietta Rowe \$55.00, Tammy Price \$45.00, Shirley Larsen \$35.00, Bret Mower \$50.00, Marie Rowland \$50.00 and Christina Mabry \$45.00; vote was unanimous.

b. Request for Metal Detecting at Red Run Park- The Zoning Officer presented a permission request from Ray Yaukey to metal detect at Red Run Park. After a discussion and on a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors denied the metal detecting permit/permission to Ray Yaukey, vote was unanimous.

c. How to proceed with pavilion rentals- The Zoning Officer informed the Board of Supervisors that the office was still receiving numerous phone calls and questions on pavilion rentals and restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board of Supervisors will still make case by case decisions on pavilion refunds that are submitted going forward.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Resolution # 727 Revising Police Department's Rules and Regulations- The Township Manager presented Resolution # 727 which revised and updated the Washington Township Police Department's Rules and Regulations. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution # 727, vote was unanimous.

b. DEP General Inspection Report- The Township Manager presented the General Inspection Report from DEP after their visit to the Transfer Station on June 12, 2020.

c. Sunshine Trail Sign- The Township Manager presented an email and photo from Joe Benchoff thanking the Public Works crew for their work on putting up a replacement Sunshine Trail sign along Route 16.

d. Joshua Hohl Resignation Letter- The Township Manager presented a letter of resignation from Joshua Hohl effective July 16, 2020. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Public Works employee Joshua Hohl effective July 16, 2020, vote was unanimous.

e. Electronic Access Agreement for Police Department- The Township Manager presented the Electronic Access Agreement for Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool used by the Police Department. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement, vote was unanimous.

f. O'Connor Estate/Trust Funds- The Township Manager stated that a check in the amount of \$150,000.00 was received from the Patricia O'Connor estate/trust. The remainder of the funds will be disbursed to the township after the inheritance tax is filed by the attorney's office.

g. Hospital Building Update- The Township Manager stated that the hospital has accepted the township's offer on the North Welty Road property. He would be setting up a time to tour the facility in the near future.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- The Township Solicitor gave an update on the items he is working on for the township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Property Update

b. Employee Matters

On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors went into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss property updates and employee matters, vote was unanimous.

On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors came out of Executive Session at 8:13 p.m., vote was unanimous.

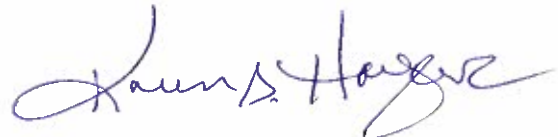
MISCELLANEOUS- On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors terminated the probationary employment of Police Officer Richard Wiest effective July 6, 2020, vote was unanimous.

Supervisor McCleaf presented a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from David McCarney for the Pine Hill restroom project. On a Strausbaugh/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the \$50.00 donation from David McCarney for the Pine Hill restroom project, vote was unanimous.

Supervisor McCracken thanked the staff for their efforts on getting a property on North Welty Road cleaned up.

Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman gave updates on the Wyndham Avenue bridge replacement and a police regionalization report and upcoming meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on a McCleaf/McCracken motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary

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