

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING -Monday, September 21, 2020**

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, McCleaf, DeDona, McCracken and Strausbaugh were present. Also present were Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Township Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Police Chief Michael McGovern, Solicitor Zachary Mills, and 11 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR: None

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

CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS:

a. CU20-002 Conditional Use- Vairt: The Chairman of the Board gave oaths to all persons wishing to speak on behalf of Conditional Use CU20-002. The applicant is Vairt, Inc. and the property location is 13308 Buena Vista Road, Waynesboro. The background history was given by Township Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway. Paul Gunder of 1814 East Main Street, Waynesboro spoke on behalf of his client and the applicant Jamil Ahmed Sukhera. Mr. Gunder clarified some misunderstandings that have surfaced regarding the operations that will take place at the retreat center. Mr. Gunder entered into record a list of workshops that represented the types of retreats his client wished to hold at the location. Dawn Koontz of 13237 Buena Vista Road addressed the Board of Supervisors with her concerns for loud noises/voices especially after 10:00 p.m. Beth Bryant of 13207 Buena Vista Road addressed the Board of Supervisors with her concern of the term "bed and breakfast" being used by the applicant. Mr. Gunder replied that was not the primary function of this conditional use and it could be deleted from the application. Richard McClellan of 13425 Buena Vista Road addressed the Board of Supervisors and requested his letter that he submitted last week be entered into record. He asked if a variance would be considered and stated he opposed the bed and breakfast portion of the application. Tim Cormany of Martin & Martin Engineering addressed the Board of Supervisors with his findings on the township code section 360-11B and "uses not provided for." He also mentioned the concerns for capacity limits, parking and access areas, water and sewer limitations. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to exit the conditional use hearing for Vairt, Inc., vote was unanimous. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion the conditional use application for Vairt, Inc. CU20-002 was approved with the following conditions: Curfew set at 10:00 p.m. for noise, each building will have occupancy limits established by the building inspector and these findings shared with the township, the bed and breakfast portion of the application is eliminated and the applicant should adhere to the historical nature of the previous property use, vote was unanimous.

b. CU20-003 Conditional Use- Stevens: The Chairman of the Board gave oaths to all persons wishing to speak on behalf of Conditional Use CU20-003. The applicant is Bart Stevens and the property location is 4191 Sheely Road, Waynesboro. The background

history was given by Township Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway. Morgan Cassell of 1919 North Sherman Street, York spoke on behalf of her client Mr. Stevens. Ms. Cassell gave specific details on the property and its intentions to operate a K-9 training facility. Tim Cormany of Martin & Martin Engineering spoke in reference to his September 8th response letter and offered comments for consideration. On a DeDona/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to exit the conditional use hearing for Bart Stevens, vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved conditional use application CU20-003 for Bart Stevens with the following conditions: hours of operation for the K-9 training center would be 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the building will have occupancy limits established by the building inspector and these findings shared with the township and to maintain parking within property limits to enable access for larger emergency vehicles, vote was 4-1 with Supervisor Strausbaugh abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES: On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting, vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

a. Waynesboro EMS Report August 2020- The Township Manager presented the August 2020 report from Waynesboro EMS. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the August 2020 report from Waynesboro EMS, vote was unanimous.

b. Waynesboro Fire Report August 2020- The Township Manager presented the August 2020 report from Waynesboro Fire Department. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the August 2020 report from Waynesboro Fire Department, vote was unanimous.

c. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Report August 2020- Chief James Meek presented the August 2020 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the August 2020 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was unanimous.

d. WTPD Report August 2020- Chief McGovern presented the August 2020 report from the Washington Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the August 2020 report from the police department, vote was unanimous.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 65,887.28
Highway Aid Fund	\$ <u>3,804.86</u>
 Total Invoices	 \$69,692.14

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

ASSISTANT SECRETARY REPORT:

a. Recycling Report August 2020- The Township Secretary presented the August 2020 recycling report. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the August 2020 recycling report, vote was unanimous.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

a. 09-2020 Farmspring Lots 37-44- The Township Zoning Officer presented final re-subdivision plan 09-2020 for Farmspring Estates Lots 37-44. There were no comments received from the Franklin County Planning Commission or WTMA. Martin & Martin provided a response with comments. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, plan 09-2020 Farmspring Estates Lots 37-44 was approved with conditions of 20 foot by 20-foot turnaround with driveways and bonding in place for recreational area, vote was unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. All Day Meeting September 25, 2020- The Township Manager reminded everyone of the upcoming all-day meeting/workshop on Friday, September 25th.

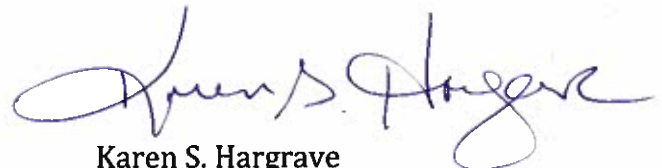
b. Halloween Party at Red Run- A discussion was held on the Halloween party at Red Run Park. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to not participate in Halloween events this year, vote was 2-3 and did not pass. After further discussion on a Strausbaugh/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to not take a stand/position on the Halloween party at Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was 4-1 with Supervisor McCleaf opposed. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to not fund any Halloween parties this year due to covid-19 concerns, vote was unanimous.

c. Boulevard Paving Update- The Township Manager gave an update on the paving of Washington Township Boulevard which is to start on September 28th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- An update was given on the items he has been working on.

MISCELLANEOUS- None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a McCleaf/DeDona motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary

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