

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING –Monday, November 2, 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, DeDona, McCleaf, Strausbaugh and McCracken 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 10 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. CU20-004 Conditional Use for Spring Valley Estates- Chairman Reichard gave oaths and swore in those wishing to testify regarding Spring Valley Estates Conditional Use. The Solicitor explained the purpose of the hearing and the Township Zoning Officer gave background on Spring Valley Estates. R. Lee Royer (partner with Accent Developers) spoke on behalf of Spring Valley Estates and said the original age restriction for the development was 55 years old. He stated the conditional use requested this age restriction to be removed and they had 2 releases already signed by homeowners who already purchased their home with this restriction. Mr. Royer stated that all other conditions would remain the same. Scott Brown spoke next; he has been a resident of Spring Run since 2008 and expressed his dissatisfaction in the way the development has turned out. He stated this was not what the developer had promised the residents. He also stated that he did not receive any notice of the hearing. Jody Walker of 9914 Skittle Court spoke on his concerns with the density proposed by the traffic study results. He was worried what the effects would be on schools and the water/sewer demands. Lois Gift of 11608 Gehr Road stated that she was concerned with the conditional use proposed that there would be additional traffic concerns in that area. The Township Zoning Officer read letters received by 4 residents that were unable to attend the meeting. All 4 letters were opposed to lifting the age restriction at Spring Valley Estates. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to exit the public hearing for CU20-004 Spring Valley Estates, vote was unanimous. The Board of Supervisors discussed the conditional use application and reviewed the current conditions in place for Spring Valley Estates. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the 8 remaining conditions for Spring Valley Estate and remove the age restriction as requested in the application CU20-004, vote was unanimous.

b. RZ-20001 Emmanuel Full Gospel Church- Chairman Reichard gave oaths and swore in those wishing to testify regarding Emmanuel Full Gospel Church application RZ-20001. Background information was given by the Township Zoning Officer. Richard Heinbaugh, Pastor of Emmanuel Full Gospel Church, spoke on behalf of the church and explained their reasoning for requesting the zoning change from commercial to R-1 residential. The Township Zoning Officer stated that all of the proper notifications had been made and reviewed the comments received from various agencies. On a McCleaf/DeDona

motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to exit the public hearing for RZ-20001, vote was unanimous. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed ordinance and resolution to change the zoning of 8267 Harper Drive from commercial to residential (R-1), vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2020 MEETING MINUTES: On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting, vote was unanimous.

OPENING OF TRASH HAULING BIDS: The Township Manager presented one bid received for refuse hauling. Joe's Keystone Garage, LLC bid for 3 years of refuse hauling at the following prices per trip: year 2021 \$237.36, year 2022 \$239.95 and year 2023 \$242.54. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to award the refuse hauling bid to Joe's Keystone Garage, LLC for year 2021-2023 pending final inspection and approval of the bid documents by the Township Manager, vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

a. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue September 2020 Report-The Township Manager presented the September 2020 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the September 2020 report from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue, vote was unanimous.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices & Transfers:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 52,135.00
Cap Res Cap Projects	\$ 3,865.00
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 1,399.92
Grant Fund	\$148,935.68
Police Pension	<u>\$ 11,960.98</u>
 Total Invoices	 \$218,296.58

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

b. WTPD Accreditation Program- The Township Secretary presented a letter from Chief McGovern stating that the police department made the decision to move forward with making application and enrollment into the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Accreditation Program.

c. Mutual Aid Agreement- The Township Secretary presented a mutual aid agreement between Franklin County and specified municipalities and their respective police departments regarding providing mutual aid as needed. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to sign the mutual aid agreement, vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Annual Awards Banquet- The Township Secretary presented an invitation to the Board of Supervisors for Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue banquet on December 5, 2020.

b. Blue Ridge Summit Free Library Request- The Township Secretary presented a letter from Carroll Martin and the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library. The library is requesting permission to close Summit Plaza Avenue on November 7, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., for an event. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the road closure request for the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library event on November 7, 2020, vote was unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Memo on Transfer Station employee matters- The Township Manager stated that Keith Patterson was terminated from employment on October 26, 2020. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to terminate Keith Patterson effective October 26, 2020, vote was unanimous. The Township Manager also requested to make Milton Simmers IV full-time at the Transfer Station and to hire 2 additional part-time employees. On a McCleaf/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to make Milton Simmers IV full-time effective November 9, 2020 and to hire 2 additional part-time employees at the Transfer Station, vote was unanimous.

b. Budget request letter- The Township Manager presented a budget request/recognition letter from Casey Rock and the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to have the emergency services committee enter discussions with local EMS agencies and develop options for fair funding, vote was unanimous.

c. Fire Tax Discussion- The Township Manager presented a memo outlining proposals to implement a fire and EMS special service tax for year 2021. This topic will be discussed in greater detail at the November 9, 2020 workshop meeting.

d. FCATB 2021 Budget- The Township Manager presented the proposed operating budget for year 2021 for the Franklin County Area Tax Board. On a Strausbaugh/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the presented 2021 budget from Franklin County Area Tax Board, vote was unanimous.

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

MISCELLANEOUS- Supervisor Strausbaugh discussed forming a committee in 2021 for the Pat O'Connor Park.

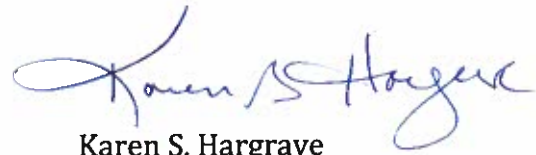
On a DeDona/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to go into Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss employee matters, vote was unanimous.

On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m., vote was unanimous.

The Board of Supervisors discussed a Covid related policy for employees. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors declared that no township employee was essential, vote was unanimous.

The Township Manager will create a policy and bring it back to the next meeting granting 80 hours of emergency sick leave to employees dealing with quarantine issues.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. on a McCracken/DeDona motion, vote was unanimous.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary