

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING –Monday, December 7, 2020
Due to Covid-19 this meeting was also held via Zoom

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 1 citizen.

FROM THE FLOOR: None

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

RESIGNATION OF SUPERVISOR CHAD REICHARD: Chad Reichard submitted a letter of resignation from his Supervisor position. On a McCracken/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Supervisor Chad Reichard effective December 7, 2020, vote was unanimous. At this time the meeting was led by Vice-Chairman McCleaf.

INTERVIEW FOR REPLACEMENT TO FILL VACANT SUPERVISOR POSITION: The Board of Supervisors interviewed Scott Stine for the Supervisor vacancy.

DECISION TO FILL SUPERVISOR POSITION: On a Strausbaugh/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to fill the Reichard Supervisor vacancy with Scott Stine (term ending December 2021), vote was unanimous. At this time Scott Stine was given his oath of office by Chairman McCleaf.

NEW OFFICE/FACILITY REVIEW & DISCUSSION: The Township Manager discussed the current blueprints of the new office/facility and answered questions presented by the Board of Supervisors. He stated that representatives from Newcomer Associates would be present at the January 18, 2021 meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices & Transfers:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 38,204.63
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 585.24
Grant Fund	<u>\$106,408.72</u>
 Total Invoices	 \$145,198.59

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

b. Treasurer's Report September 2020- The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented the September 2020 Treasurer's Report. On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the September 2020 Treasurer's Report, vote was unanimous.

c. Giant Gift Cards for Employees- A discussion was held on raising the amount of gift cards given to employees for Christmas. A luncheon will not be held this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. On a Strausbaugh/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to give each employee a \$50.00 gift card to Giant/Martin's, vote was unanimous.

d. Donation of \$500.00 for Pine Hill Restroom Project- A donation in the amount of \$500.00 was received from the Order of Owls Nest Number 1073 for the Pine Hill Park Restroom Project. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept the \$500.00 donation for the Pine Hill Park Restroom Project, vote was unanimous.

POLICE CHIEF REQUEST 2021 VEHICLE PROPOSAL- Chief McGovern presented information requesting the purchase of three (3) 2021 police interceptor utility vehicles from New Holland Auto. The estimated cost of the 3 vehicles (fully equipped and with COSTARS discount) is \$145,327.20. On a DeDona/Strausbaugh motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Police Chief's request to purchase three 2021 police interceptor utility vehicles from New Holland Auto at an estimated cost of \$145,327.20, vote was unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Renfrew Letter and Invite- The Township Secretary presented a thank you letter from Renfrew Museum and park and an invitation to their Christmas on the Farm program.

b. SR997 Intersection Improvements Virtual Plans- The Township Secretary presented information on a virtual plan display for the PA 997 and Orchard/Tomstown Roads improvement project.

c. Price Changes from Comcast- The Township Secretary presented a letter from Comcast with upcoming price changes beginning December 20, 2020.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

a. Robert Backer Waiver Request- The Township Zoning Officer presented a waiver request from R. Lee Royer for property owned by Robert Backer. Mr. Backer is requesting a waiver of Section 310.39.A.2 which requires hook-up to public sewer if it is within 1,000 feet. On a McCracken/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors denied the waiver request for Robert Backer, vote was unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Consideration to hire Chad Reichard as Assistant Planner/Zoning Officer- The Township Manager asked the Board of Supervisors to consider the hiring of Chad Reichard as Assistant Planner/Zoning Officer at a salary of \$50,000.00 for the remainder of this year and year 2021. On a Strausbaugh/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors ratified the hiring of Chad Reichard effective December 7, 2020 as Assistant Planner/Zoning Officer with a yearly salary of \$50,000.00, vote was unanimous.

b. Resolution #732, Declaring Police Officers as Essential Employees- The Township Manager presented Resolution #732 designating police officers as "emergency responders" as authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. On a

DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #732, vote was unanimous.

c. The Institute Story Walk Partnership Proposal- The Township Manager presented a request from The Institute to install StoryWalk book trail signs at Pine Hill Recreation Area during the months of December and January. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Institute's request to install StoryWalk book trail signs at Pine Hill Recreation Area during the months of December and January, vote was unanimous.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- An update was given on the items he has been working on. He also stated that the Franklin County courts would be closed for any in person hearings due to the pandemic situation.

MISCELLANEOUS- Supervisor DeDona gave updates on projects and events with the Battle of Monterey Pass Committee. The Township Manager gave an update on the mobile hot spot's agreement with the Waynesboro Area School District. The Township Manager also stated that with the recent appointment of Scott Stine as a Township Supervisor that there would be 2 vacancies on the Agricultural District Committee and the Zoning Hearing Board.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a McCracken/Stine motion, vote was unanimous.



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Township Secretary

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