

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING –Monday, November 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Strausbaugh.

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Strausbaugh, McCracken and DeDona were present. Also present were Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Chief Michael McGovern, Solicitor Zachary Mills and 9 citizens. Supervisors Stine and McCleaf and Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway were not in attendance.

**FROM THE FLOOR:** Jean Kahl of 10489 Monta Vista Drive spoke about her concerns with the recent road closure/detour on Buena Vista Drive.

Jennifer Warner of 13224 Midvale Road spoke about her concerns with the detour and how it will cause additional issues.

Teresa Ray of 11944 Pen Mar Road spoke about her concerns with closing off Buena Vista Drive and asked if the board had concerned temporary speed bumps to control the speeders. She also stated the signs that were posted for this closure were misleading.

Ritchie Warner of 13224 Midvale Road asked what other options were discussed by the board before making the decision to close Buena Vista Drive and why wasn't much of a notice given to the citizens.

Darlene West of 13465 Meadowview Avenue asked for an update on the Adrian Shank lawsuit and how much money the township has spent already on this lawsuit.

Pat Heefner of 10591 Buena Vista Drive asked for clarification on what the Adrian Shank lawsuit was really concerning.

Wilmer Flook of 10536 Monta Vista Drive spoke on his concerns with the Amsterdam Bridge still being closed and said it would be a simple fix and the township should just get it done.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the first agenda as presented, vote was unanimous. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the second (amended) agenda as presented, vote was 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2021, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2021 regular meeting, vote was 3-0.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

**a. Invoices:**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

Highway Aid	\$ 9,085.59
General Fund	\$ 32,756.40
Fire & EMS Fund	\$ 28,185.00
Cap Res- Cap Proj.	\$ 719.25

Police Pension	\$ 3,000.00
Total Invoices	\$ 73,746.24

On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the invoices presented, vote was 3-0.

**b. Donation to the Red Run Train-** The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented a check in the amount of \$150.00 for the Red Run Train from the National Capital Region of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the \$150.00 donation for the Red Run Train, vote was 3-0.

**c. CPA 3 Year Proposal-** The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented a three-year proposal from Boyer & Ritter for auditing services in years ending in 2021, 2022 and 2023. The fees for these years are \$19,000, \$19,400 and \$19,800 respectively. On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Boyer & Ritter proposal for years ending in 2021, 2022 and 2023, vote was 3-0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. **Thank you from The Institute-** The Township Secretary/Treasurer read a thank you card from The Institute for the township's support of their first fall event "Pumpkins and Pippins" held at Pine Hill Park.
- b. **FC Tax Assessment Office Decisions-** The Township Secretary/Treasurer read the Franklin County Tax Services Appeal Board decision from their October 19, 2021 meeting.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. **Letter for Washington Township Bridge Replacement Project-** The Township Manager presented a matching funds commitment letter to pursue a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$388,864.62 for Honodel and Lyons Road bridges. The Township's matching portion would be \$116,659.38. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Township Manager to sign the commitment letter, vote was 3-0.
- b. **Resolution # 752-** The Township Manager presented Resolution #752 which designates the Township Manager as the official to execute all documents related to the filing of a multimodal transportation fund grand through PennDOT. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #752, vote was 3-0.
- c. **Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Announcement and Request-** The Township Manager presented a letter from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue stating that their sub-station located at 12169 Pen Mar Road would be opened on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. This station will house a rescue engine, ambulance and utility truck. The letter also requested the Township Supervisors approve making box card changes to the 2-40 and 2-70 box for EMS responses as Company 4 would now be closer. No further action was taken at this time after a lengthy discussion.
- d. **Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Carnival Request-** The Township Manager presented a letter from Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue requesting the donation of Red Run Park in its entirety for a carnival on September 11, 2022 through September 18, 2022. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue to use Red Run Park September 11 through 18, 2022 to hold a carnival fundraiser, vote was 3-0.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- LEGAL MATTERS:** On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors went into executive session at 2:43 p.m., vote was 3-0. On a McCracken/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors came out of executive session at 3:01 p.m., vote was 3-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS-** None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. on a McCracken/DeDona motion, vote was 3-0.



Karen S. Hargrave  
Township Secretary

