

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING -Monday, December 6, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Strausbaugh. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Quincy Township Supervisor Kerry Bumbaugh.

PRESENT: Supervisors Strausbaugh, Stine, McCleaf and DeDona were present. Also present were Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn, Chief Michael McGovern, Solicitor Zachary Mills and 15 citizens. Supervisor McCracken was not in attendance.

FROM THE FLOOR: Teresa Ray of 11944 Pen Mar Road asked for an update on the signs for the Amsterdam Road detour. Township Manager Jeffrey Geesaman stated that the information was presented to the township's traffic engineer for review.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Conditional Use Hearing for Michelle Strong- The Chairman opened the public hearing regarding the conditional use hearing for Michelle Strong. Those wishing to testify were sworn in by the Chairman. The Township Zoning Officer presented information on the application for Michelle Strong to have a short-term lease/bed and breakfast at 11702 Furnace Road. Ms. Strong spoke on behalf of her property and the conditional use application and answered the questions presented to her. Rex Benchoff of 12564 Pen Mar Road spoke in support of the application stating that he would be working with Ms. Strong to make sure the property was following the township's codes. Josh Mingle of 11684 Furnace Road spoke in support of the conditional use application. No citizens that were present were in opposition to Michelle Strong's conditional use application. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing, vote was 4-0. On a DeDona/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the conditional use application for 11702 Furnace Road with conditions, vote was 4-0.

b. Rezoning Hearing for East Main Street and Welty Road properties changing zoning to Historical- The Chairman opened the public hearing regarding the rezoning proposal of 4 properties on East Main Street and 3 properties on Welty Road. These proposed changes would change the properties from Agriculture and Low Density Residential (R-1) to Historical. Those wishing to testify were sworn in by the Chairman. The Township Zoning Officer presented the background information on the rezoning proposal. Dr. Gregory Lyon-Loftus of 916 East Main Street spoke on behalf of his property and the proposed zoning change. He stated that he was not opposed to Renfrew expanding but he was disappointed by the lack of communication from Renfrew and the management of Washington Township during this process. Becky LaBarre, Executive Director of Renfrew Museum, spoke on behalf of her position on the rezoning. She stated that Renfrew wants to be a good neighbor to all involved by this change. She said that there had been previous meetings that the public could have attended to get more information but there were few in attendance. She said that the township created this historical zoning district and that parcel owners could apply. This rezoning change would allow Renfrew to expand their services to the community. Steve Schoonover of 920 East Main Street stated that he felt this rezoning was done underhandedly by the township. He asked why Supervisor

McCracken was not in attendance as her property was one that would be affected by this rezoning change. He is concerned with cell phone towers being placed on or near his property. Zachary Mills, Township Solicitor, spoke to clarify some items that had been previously commented on. He gave information on why the historical district was created by the township. He also stated that any cell phone/communication tower would require a conditional use application regardless of the current zoning or the proposed historical district. Steve LaBarre, Manager of Visitor Experiences at Renfrew, spoke on behalf of the rumor that Renfrew is not teaching local children any longer. He stated that this rumor was not true and gave examples of programs they offer for school children. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing for the rezoning matter, vote was 4-0. Supervisor DeDona made a motion to approve the rezoning request, this motion died for a lack of a second. After further discussion a DeDona/Stine motion was made to approve the rezoning request, vote was 2-2. The matter was discussed further and the final vote for the rezoning request was 3 yes votes and 1 no vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On a DeDona/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the amended agenda (moved the Conditional Use Hearing before the Rezoning Hearing), vote was 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2021, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2021 regular meeting, vote was 4-0.

NEW OFFICE UPDATES: The Township Manager stated that a revised architect contract was requested from Newcomer Associates. He also stated that the Highway Occupancy Permit had been issued.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

Highway Aid	\$ 14,889.96
General Fund	\$ 68,093.03
Cap Res- Cap Projects	\$ 271.25
Grant Fund	\$ 1,156.00
WTB Fund	<u>\$ 3,100.00</u>
Total Invoices	\$ 87,510.24

On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the invoices presented, vote was 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Medic 2 Thank You Letter- The Township Manager read a thank you letter from Medic 2 for the township's financial support of \$11,250.00 during year 2021.

b. Comcast Price Changes Effective December 20, 2021- The Township Manager read information from Comcast stating price changes that would be effective December 20, 2021.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Karen Summers' Resignation from the WTPD- The Township Manager read a letter from Police Chief McGovern stating the resignation of Karen Summers, clerical staff, effective November 26, 2021. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Karen Summers effective November 26, 2021, vote was 4-0.

b. Anthony Cacciavillani – The Township Manager read a letter from Police Chief McGovern in reference to full-time candidate Anthony Cacciavillani. Mr. Cacciavillani was ratified for employment on November 15, 2021. Chief McGovern was informed in writing on November 22, 2021 that Mr. Cacciavillani had changed his mind and would not be accepting full-time employment with our police department. On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted Anthony Cacciavillani's withdraw from employment offer, vote was 4-0.

c. Andrew Moore CDL Wage Adjustment- The Township Manager presented a memo to the Board of Supervisors requesting a wage adjustment for Public Works Director Andrew Moore. Mr. Moore was promised a \$1.00 per hour increase when he obtained his Commercial Driver's License (CDL.) On November 17, 2021 Andrew Moore successfully obtained his CDL. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved a wage increase of \$1.00 per hour to Andrew Moore effective December 5, 2021, vote was 4-0.

d. Resolution # 753- The Township Manager presented Resolution # 753 updating the Township's Agricultural Security Area. This resolution would add properties owned by Jack and Emily Martin on Salem Church and Polktown Roads. This resolution would also add properties owned by Benjamin and Kelsey Barnett on March Road. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #753, vote was 4-0.

e. Resolution # 754- The Township Manager presented Resolution # 754 which amended the 2009 Joint Comprehensive Plan of the Borough of Waynesboro and Washington Township. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #754, vote was 4-0.

f. Ordinance # 287- The Township Manager presented Ordinance # 287 which amended the zoning chapter of the code of Washington Township. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance # 287, vote was 4-0.

g. Borough of Waynesboro's Fire Contract Response- The Township Manager presented a letter from the Borough of Waynesboro Manager Jason Stains in reference to the 2022 fire services contract. The letter stated that the township's offer of \$125,000.00 for the year 2022 would not be sufficient. The Borough would require \$150,000.00 for continued fire service. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to remain at the \$125,000.00 offer to the Borough of Waynesboro for fire service in year 2022, vote was 3-0 with Supervisor Strausbaugh abstaining.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION- EMPLOYEE MATTERS: On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors went into Executive Session to discuss employee matters at 3:51 p.m., vote was 4-0. At this time the Township Secretary and Assistant Secretary were excused from the remainder of the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS- Police Chief McGovern requested consideration from the Board of Supervisors to allow two full-time police officers outside part-time employment. Officer Terry DeWitt requested permission to work part-time at Gettysburg Police Department. Officer Chadwick Fuchs requested permission to work part-time at Greencastle Police Department. On a McCleaf/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized Officers DeWitt & Fuchs to work part-time at the requested police departments, vote was 4-0.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary