

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING –Monday, January 17, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Strausbaugh.

PRESENT: Supervisors DeDona, McCleaf, Strausbaugh, and McCracken. Supervisor Stine was not present. Also present were Manager Jeffrey Geesaman, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Township Zoning Officer Vernon Ashway, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Police Chief Michael McGovern, Solicitor Zachary Mills and 8 citizens. Assistant Secretary Sarah Ginn was not present.

FROM THE FLOOR: Officer Terry DeWitt presented Community Service Awards from the Township Police Association for year 2020 to Tripwire Operational Group for several donations to the Township and for year 2021 to Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue for their continued support of the community.

Public Hearing-Amendments to the Washington Township Zoning Ordinance and the Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

The public hearing began at 7:03 pm. The Township Zoning Officer presented an application for Rezoning or Zoning Amendment dated November 16, 2021 for Avalon Development Corp who requested rezoning from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) for approximately 18 acres of undeveloped property known as the remainder of Antietam Commons. Properties were posted as required and this Application was advertised in the local newspaper as required by the Township Code. The following citizens were present and voiced concerns such as posting requirements, more traffic to the area, run-off during construction, and additional buffers if townhouses were constructed: Tim Schwab, Jessie Tyler, Rob Small, Ted Snowberger, and Brian Carroll. The Township Zoning Officer also read 3 emails received in opposition of this rezoning matter. The public hearing was closed at 8:06 pm on a McCleaf/DeDona motion, vote was 4-0.

The Agenda was amended to move Items 8 a & b to be heard at this time.

8. Zoning Officer Report

a. Ordinance No. 288- Proposed Antietam Commons REZONING 1-17-2022

This Ordinance pertains to the above Public Hearing held. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to adopt Ordinance # 288, vote was 4-0.

b. Resolution No. 763 – Proposed Antietam Commons REZONING – Amending the 2009 Joint Comp Plan 1-17-2022. This Resolution pertains to the above Public Hearing held. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution # 763, vote was 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the amended agenda as presented, vote was 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES & JANUARY 3, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Were not available at this time.

REPORTS:

a. Waynesboro EMS December 2021 Report- The Township Manager presented the December 2021 report from Waynesboro Ambulance Squad. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2021 report from the Waynesboro Ambulance Squad, vote was 4-0.

b. Waynesboro Fire December 2021 Report- Fire Chief Devers presented the December 2021 report from the Waynesboro Fire Department. On a DeDona/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2021 report from the Waynesboro Fire Department, vote was 4-0.

c. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Report- The Township Manager presented the December 2021 report from Blue Ridge Fire & EMS. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2021 report from Blue Ridge Fire & EMS, vote was 4-0.

d. Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue – 2021 Year End Report - The Township Manager presented the December 2021 year-end report from Blue Ridge Fire & EMS. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the December 2021 year-end report from Blue Ridge Fire & EMS, vote was 4-0.

e. WTPD Year-End Report-December 2021- Police Chief Michael McGovern presented the December 2021-year-end report for the Township Police Department. On a McCleaf/McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted the year-end December 2021 report for the Washington Township Police Department, vote was 4-0.

g. WTPD – Fitness Standards Draft 2022- Police Chief Michael McGovern presented a draft of changes concerning physical requirements for testing purposes for the Washington Township Police Department. On a DeDona/McCleaf motion, the Board of Supervisors adopted the draft of changes for physical requirements for testing purposes for the Washington Township Police Department and allowed Chief McGovern to waive the obstacle course if needed because of weather conditions or similar instances, vote was 4-0.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS:**a. Invoices & Transfers:**

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$137,978.95
Fire & EMS Fund	32,500.00
Highway Aid Fund	8,203.81
Total Invoices	\$178,682.76

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

b. Thank you for Donation from Antietam Humane Society- The Township received a letter dated December 2, 2021 from the Antietam Humane Society acknowledging the Township's donation and to show their appreciation for the donation.

c. Donation Approval for WTPD - Walmart 2021 Christmas Office Supplies - The Washington Township Police Department received a Christmas donation from Walmart consisting of food, drink and office supplies. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Police Department donations from Walmart, vote was 4-0.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT:

a. None

Items 8 a & b were placed above in the agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Franklin County Local Realty Transfer Tax - November 2021- The Township Manager presented a copy of the November 2021 Realty Transfer Tax report the Township received from Franklin County.

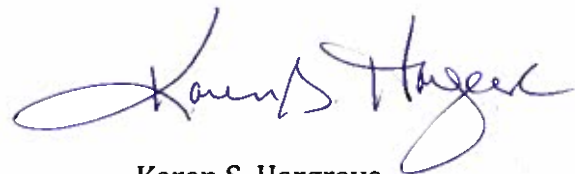
b. New Office Building - Discussion to Move Forward and Advertise for Bids - The Township Manager presented a copy of the latest set of new office building drawings. The Township Manager requested authorization to move forward with the bidding process for the new office building for February 1, 2022 and to anticipate bid opening for March 7, 2022. On a McCleaf/DeDona motion, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Manager to proceed with the bid process with bid opening for March 7, 2022, vote was 4-0.

c. Ratify Approval of CPA Boyer & Ritter for year 2021, 2022 & 2023- Held for the February 7, 2022 meeting.

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

MISCELLANEOUS- None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. on a McCleaf/McCracken motion, vote was 4-0.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary

