

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING – Monday, May 6, 2024**

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

PRESENT: Supervisors McCracken, Stine and Snowberger. Supervisor McCleaf arrived at 1:50 p.m. Also, present were Township Manager Vernon Ashway, Township Secretary/Treasurer Karen Hargrave, Assistant Township Secretary Brigitte Mowen, Assistant Zoning Officer Chad Reichard, Solicitor Zachary Mills, OIC Jason Wolfgang and 6 citizens.

FROM THE FLOOR: Township resident Kris Martin of Terra Cotta Drive invited the Supervisors to a training exercise for Waynesboro Volunteer Fire Department held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The fire training was conducted on a house that is scheduled for demolition on Buchanan Trail East. Township resident Addie Bumbaugh of Briar Ridge Drive asked the board about the parking on Jackson Avenue and Laurel Lane. Township resident Lori Frantz of Buchanan Trail East also inquired about the parking along Jackson Avenue and Laurel Lane. Some discussion was held about these matters.

OPENING OF BIDS: The Township Manager opened all sealed bids received by the Township for the 2024 Seal Coat Bid. The bid will be awarded at the May 20, 2024, meeting in order for them to be reviewed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: On a McCracken/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the agenda as presented, vote was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes

On a Snowberger/ McCracken motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the regular meeting minutes for April 17, 2024, vote was 3-0.

REPORTS:

a. Waynesboro Fire Department Report – March 2024 & April 2024: Fire Chief Deavers presented the March 2024 & April 2024 fire department reports. On a McCracken/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved the Waynesboro Fire Department March 2024 & April 2024 reports, vote was 3-0.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:

a. Invoices:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

General Fund	\$ 211,676.53
Highway Aid	\$ 1,478.72
Developers Escrow	\$ 20,149.52
WTB Fund	\$ 3,665.00
CR Capital Projects	\$ 2,575.56
Police Pension Fund	\$ <u>3,000.00</u>

Total Invoices \$ 242,545.33

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

ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT: No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. **Proposed Resolution 818 :** Township Manager presented Resolution 818 giving the Township Manager authority to sign the contract/agreement by Matthews Construction Services, LLC for the Red Run Park project. On a McCracken/Snowberger motion, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 818 giving the Township Manager authority to sign the contract/agreement by Matthews Construction Services, LLC for the Red Run Park project, vote was 4-0.
- b. **Blue Ridge Summit Fire Police Request:** Blue Ridge Fire Department/Fire Police made a request for Washington Township to purchase 9 surplus traffic signs from Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department. The Board of Supervisors asked the manager to get additional information on the request. On a McCracken/ Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors voted to table the request, vote was 4-0.
- c. **FCATB Tax Appeal Hearing:** Township Manager presented a letter from Franklin County Area Tax Bureau about a Tax Appeal Hearing on May 15, 2024, for properties that are located in Washington Township.
- d. **Proposed Resolution 819:** Township Manager presented Resolution 819 documenting the strong objection to DCNR closing the South Mountain Golf Course to construct a new visitor center. On a Snowberger/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 819 objecting to DCNR closing the South Mountain Golf Course to construct a new visitor center, vote was 4-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Mills advised that he has been working with the staff on drafting a letter to Antietam Commons HOA about the parking along Jackson Avenue. Solicitor Mills updated the Board of Supervisors on the pending Mumpower litigation.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Township Manager updated the Board of Supervisors on the Red Run Park playground project. The Township Manager also gave an update on the Administrative Building on Welty Road. The building has been removed and the ground will be filled in. Township Manager shared an invite to the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park and Museum on Saturday, May 11, 2024, commemorating the bravery of 17 year old Henrietta Zeilinger during the Battle of Monterey Pass. This event will close Chairman Road for about an hour. Assistant Zoning Officer informed the Board that Bright Speed/Century Link is doing a fiber optics update within the Township and they would be running new wires along the roads.

On a McCracken/Snowberger, the Board of Supervisors entered an executive session at approximately 2:19 p.m. On a McCracken/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors came out of executive session at approximately 2:58 p.m. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss employee matters. On a McCracken/Stine motion, the Board of Supervisors

authorized the township manager to pursue replacement of the Assistant Zoning Officer, vote was 4-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. On a McCracken/Stine motion, vote was 4-0.



Karen S. Hargrave
Township Secretary



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