

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MAY 3, 2010

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 3, 2010 in the Meeting Room of the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, Pa. Chair Chester S. Pogonowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. Members present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Engineer Mario Canales, Solicitor Susan Piette and Township Manager Joseph F. Pantano.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On motion of member Lloyd, seconded by member Magne, Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on April 5, 2010, Work Session held on April 12, 2010, and Work Session held on April 26, 2010 were approved. All voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** On motion of member Magne, seconded by member Lloyd, General Fund bills in the amount of \$29,498.77, Park & Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$20., Escrow Fund bills in the amount of \$51,851.97 and General Fund to Payroll Account transfer in the amount of \$15,000. were approved for payment. All voted in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Member Magne announced activities of The Village Library including a play: "The Last 5 Years" to be presented on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 and 7 PM and May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM; a Community Yard Sale scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2010 at the Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, from 7 AM – 1 PM. Ms. Magne encouraged residents to contribute to a Stained Glass Window depicting the Township emblem planned for installation in the Meeting Room by forwarding a check payable to Wrightstown Township to the Township office.

Chair Pogonowski announced a Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 beginning at 7:30 PM to consider the application of Jeanne Trivellini, for a three lot sub-division on Pine Lane, Wrightstown, Pa.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident of 457 Durham Road, Le Shepard inquired about PaDOT plans for the intersection of Route 232 and Swamp Road. He commented on Resolution No 2010-009, which authorizes the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee to File an application with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a grant to assist the TCC with start up costs.

Mr. Shepard stated he had written to the Board of Supervisors in objection to a recently installed storage shed which blocks the viewscape to the Chippewa Farm house and barn. He also commented about the poor reception of television broadcasts of the Board meetings. Videographer Dutko explained the process of signalization which enables the sound track to be received in private homes.

Cedar Lane Resident John Rasiej stated he supports the Foodshed Alliance program but was not in favor of the location of the recently installed shed which blocks the view-scape of the Chippewa farm house and barn. He requested a reply relating to the approval of the location of the shed and asked for consideration of relocation. He further asked for a reply regarding the discussion at a recent Work Session where approval had been granted including an explanation as to the urgency of the request for approval at that time.

**POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief “Rick” Pasquellini distributed copies of the April, 2010 Police Report and interpreted the statistics. He reviewed the March, 2010 report since he was unable to attend the earlier meeting when it had been received by the Board.

Chair Pogonowski inquired about information on the web site which had not been included recently. Chief Pasquellini stated Newtown Township employees in the Police Department would update the information.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Solicitor Piette distributed copies of a recent appraisal of the John Wood property for a preservation easement to the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of member Lloyd, seconded by member Magne, Resolution No 2010-012, Matthews Ridge Temporary Operation of Community Wastewater Facilities was approved by all members voting in favor.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** There was no Engineer’s Report at this time.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:** Member Magne explained what was currently occurring in the Township with respect to the Census from information gleaned at the PSATS conference. She noted disappointment that no Wrightstown Township residents had been chosen as enumerators in the 2010 Census program. She announced a phone number for the Philadelphia Regional Census Office: 215-717-1020.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:** Manager Pantano had distributed copies of Resolution #2010-011, SEPTA R-8 Reactivation. On motion of member Lloyd, seconded by member Magne and approved by all members present, the Resolution was adopted. Resident Le Shephard thanked the presenters who had attended a recent Work Session to discuss the rationale for the request to SEPTA for reactivation of the line. Paul Iverson was present representing the PaTransit Expansion Coalition.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Trivellini 3-lot Subdivision: Bill McNaney, engineer for VanCleaf Engineering Corporation, developer Robert D. Sharp and property owner Jeanne Trivellini were present. Mr. McNaney interpreted plans for a 3-lot subdivision on Pine Lane which will be under consideration by the Zoning Hearing Board on

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> for variances relating to construction of a driveway across wetlands. Engineer Canales stated the disturbance is lower than the threshold allowed.

Chair Pogonowski requested the Applicant maintain as much agricultural land as possible. Mr. McNaney demonstrated on a drawing how that will be accomplished on preserved land to the satisfaction of the Board. Reference was made to the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup> relating to the preservation of trees and site distance at the driveway entrance on the property.

On motion of member Lloyd, seconded by member Magne, Solicitor Piette was directed to prepare and send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board in support of the variance requests since the application would minimize possible future development of the site. The Board concurred with the request to permit the removal of two trees on the property and replaced with other street trees along Pine Lane which the letter would support. All voted in favor.

**MSAO ORDINANCE:** Having received information from Engineer Canales, Solicitor Piette will complete preparation of all documents related to the proposed MSAO Ordinance for approval by the Board of Supervisors, scheduled for the next meeting of the Board. Interpretations of the Ordinance will be sent to the Board of Supervisors of Upper Makefield and Newtown Townships along with the proposal.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chair Pogonowski informed Board members that stimulus monies for trail installations along Route 413/Stoopville Roads in Newtown Township have been deemed impractical and are not planned to be used by Newtown Township at this time. Member Pogonowski inquired if Wrightstown Township might consider improvements to the intersection of Stoopville Road and Route 413 by the installation of traffic signals? There is presently no PaDOT guarantee that the monies might be shifted and Wrightstown Township may be required to deposit additional funds if a such plan is proposed and implemented. Member Magne referred to an earlier traffic study as reference. However, she stated that a traffic signal was not needed at this time, although a southbound turning lane on Route 413 was necessary.

On motion of member Lloyd, seconded by member Magne and approved by all members present, the Board would support improvements to the intersection if monies were made available.

Durham Road resident, Le Shephard stated he had attended a meeting in Newtown Township when the topic was discussed. The Newtown Township Board of Supervisors does not favor a trail on portions of Stoopville Road. Mr. Shephard cited repeated accidents at the corner as a common site of accidents and one such accident many years ago where a young female was killed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cedar Lane resident John Rasiej commented on the MSAO proposed Ordinance and also stating that the recent installation of a storage shed for the Foodshed Alliance should be considered private property storage and is not permitted on Municipal Services zoned property.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of member Lloyd, seconded by member Magne the meeting was duly adjourned. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano  
Secretary