

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2007
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The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, November 19, 2007 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. Also in attendance were Vice-Chair Jane B. Magne, Member/Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Township Engineer Mario Canales, Township Solicitor Susan Piette, and Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley.

Minutes of Meetings held on November 5 and 12, 2007 were accepted as corrected.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Bills in the amount of \$44,332.31 were approved for payment. On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Escrow Bills in the amount of \$30,335.50 were approved for payment.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Magne urged residents to attend The Village Library and Community Room Open House scheduled for December 7 and 8, 2007.

REPORTS: Chief Martin Duffy of the Newtown Police department submitted the Police Report for October 2007. He encouraged residents to call the Police Department immediately if any suspicious activity was noted, particularly since there have been several "diversionary burglaries" in the area recently.

Additional Reports submitted included: the Road Department Report for October 2007; the Engineer's Report for October 2007; and the Linghocken Fire Company Report for the October 2007.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS: **Eagle Scout Candidate Andrew LePine:** On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Resolution #2007-091, honoring Eagle Scout Candidate Andrew LePine, was passed. Andrew reiterated details of a project to install a footbridge and path at the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.

Council Rock School District/Wrightstown Township Stipulation Agreement Amendment: Mr. Pogonowski reviewed the history of the Stipulation Agreement between Council Rock School District and Wrightstown Township, and the desire to amend the agreement to allow an additional school to be built on the Howes Tract. He noted that Mr. Clemons would hold the executed Final Stipulation Amendment Agreement in escrow until such time as the land for the cemetery was conveyed to the Veteran's Administration (VA) and the Melsky Tract was conveyed to Toll Brothers and Leo Holt. The Agreement would then be

recorded with the courts. If both conveyances did not happen, the Agreement would become void.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, and seconded by Ms. Magne, the Stipulation Amendment Agreement and Escrow Agreement were proposed for adoption.

Newtown Township resident, Tony McCue expressed that new regional housing will create a need for new schools. Ms. Magne reiterated recent School District projections calling for no new schools within the next 10 years.

Mr. Le Shepherd of Durham Road expressed concern about declining property values of adjacent homes, inquired about lighting during evening hours and excessive noise. He related that he had names of thirty residents who opposed the construction of two schools.

Mr. David Dutko of Worthington Mill Road questioned the allowable building areas should two schools be constructed; inquired about the payment of legal fees at the present time and noted that the Council Rock School Board recently stated that the Melsky Tract was no longer needed.

Ms. Ruth Brown of Stoopville Road compared Agreement numbers in the revised document with the originally proposed numbers. She expressed concern that there could be a bus barn installed on the property. She expressed displeasure that residents were left out of the decision making process.

Dr. Alex Bilello of Worthington Mill Road asked about the price paid by the VA for the cemetery land. He urged the Board to refrain from signing the Amended Agreement at this time.

Mrs. Edythe Shapiro of Durham Road expressed "overwhelming disapproval" of the Amended Stipulation Agreement and questioned the motive behind the document.

Mr. Pogonowski called for a vote on the original motion to adopt the Amended Stipulation Agreement with the Council Rock School District. On motion of Mr. Lloyd, and seconded by Ms. Magne, the Stipulation Amendment Agreement and Escrow Agreement were proposed for adoption. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: 2007-2008 Salt Bid: Ms. Bradley reported that the apparent low bidder for the 2007-2008 Consortium Salt Contract was Cargill, Inc. Deicing Technology at a rate of \$47.42 per ton. *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members, the salt contract was awarded to Cargill, Inc.*

Chippewa Signage: Ms. Bradley displayed drawings for a property sign for the Chippewa Office on Second Street Pike and a lighted stained glass window box for installation behind the dais in the Meeting Room. A deposit had been made for the exterior sign. Estimated cost for the stained glass would be \$7,000.00.

Mr. Pogonowski suggested establishing a donation fund to offset the cost. Donors could be named on a plaque to be hung in the Meeting Room.

Mr. Dave Tolton of Park Avenue stated that the cost of the stained glass was extravagant and donations were a good idea.

Mr. Le Sheppard suggested researching a tapestry or quilt.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Ms. Bradley was directed to develop plans for the solicitation of funds for financial support of the endeavor. It was hoped to raise approximately \$5,000.00 prior to committing to the artists.

2008 Preliminary Budget: Ms. Bradley presented the 2008 Preliminary Budget. The proposal showed revenue of \$2,979,004.00 and expenditures of \$2,642,360.00.

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane stated that with a high fund balance, the Board should provide tax relief. Mr. David Talton echoed his desire for tax relief. Mr. Dave Dutko suggested downsizing expenditures.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, the 2008 Preliminary Budget of \$2,642,360.00 was approved.

Pagano Final Record Plan: Ms. Bradley noted that the Pagano Final Record plans were prepared for execution. *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, the Plan Linens were approved for execution.*

Dumack/Hollyleaf Septic Operation and Maintenance Agreement: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, the Dumack-Hollyleaf Septic Operations and Maintenance Agreement was approved for execution.*

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. Le Shepherd inquired about the possible commencement of construction of the Chapman Corners Development on Durham Road and the possibility of connecting into the sewage treatment plant. Mr.

Pogonowski said that only failing systems would be allowed to connect at the homeowner's expense.

Ms. Magne stated that she, State legislators and a group of residents had met with PADOT recently to discuss possible revisions to the Swamp Road Corridor Improvement Project. She encouraged more Wrightstown residents to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS: Letter of Extension: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, a Letter of Extension in the Courtyards at Penns Crossing Conditional Use hearings was granted to January 30, 2008.*

Ms. Piette noted that the Courtyards Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for December 3, 2007 would be opened, and then continued to January 7, 2008.

Escrow Release: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, the Warner Meadows Subdivision Escrow Release #13 was approved in the amount of \$109,368.00, leaving \$104,394.44 remaining.*

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, to adjourn the Meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator

Res. #2007-091