

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2008
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The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, January 21, 2008 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 and Township Solicitor Susan Piette. Township Administrator was absent.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Mr. Pogonowski announced that acceptance of the Reshetar/Park Hill Public Improvements would be tabled.

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting held on January 7, 2008 and the Meeting held on January 14, 2008 were accepted as presented.

On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Bills dated January 21, 2008 in the amount of \$67,270.11 were approved for payment.

REPORTS: Chief Martin C. Duffy of the Newtown Police Department reviewed the 2007 Yearly Summary of Police Activity and the December, 2007 Police Report. Mr. Pogonowski accepted the following additional Reports: the Lingohocken Fire Company Report for December, 2007; and the District Justice Report for December, 2007, with fines of \$1,361.22.

Mr. Pogonowski displayed a Certificate attesting to the Octagonal Schoolhouse having been placed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 9, 2007. Wrightstown Historical Commission Members present were Betty Davis, Jane DelBianco and Beverly Wilson. Mrs. Davis invited residents and friends to visit the Schoolhouse during Open House on the third Sunday of each month between May and October.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS: Neeld Zoning Hearing: Ms. Piette announced that on Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m., the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board would hear the Application of Linda Neeld for a property at the corner of Pheasant and Lark Lanes for a special exception and variance to construct a single family dwelling. The lot was a non-conforming size and several dimensional variances were being sought, as well as variances to resource protection requirements (tree removal). The Board

directed Ms. Piette to prepare a letter to the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board summarizing activity relating to the property and to note that the Board took no position on the Application.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Revised Professional Appointments: On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Resolution #2008-006 was approved, as the Revised Professional Appointments.

Hipple/Danko Maintenance Bond Release: On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, the Hipple/Danko Maintenance Bond Release was approved.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane requested when a year-end Fund Balance Report would be available. Mr. Pogonowski stated he thought it would be available on or before February 28, 2008.

Mr. Ken Hone of Second Street Pike stated opposition to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Second Street Pike and Penns Park Road, discussed as a part of the Courtyards at Penns Crossing Development Plans.

Ms. Doris Sivel of Second Street Pike reported having spoken to the Heritage Conservancy regarding the Historic Village designation of Penns Park and the proposed traffic signal. She questioned a Federal Law which indicated that residents in the historic district would have an opportunity to comment. Mr. Pogonowski directed Ms. Piette to review the National Register Act to determine appropriateness and regulations. Mr. Pogonowski also explained that the costs of installing a traffic signal may or may not be off-set by developer costs.

Mr. George Fradenburg of Second Street Pike asked the Board to consider a 4-way Stop Sign in place of a traffic light. Mr. Pogonowski stated that Second Street Pike was a PADOT road, and that it is unlikely that they would approve a stop sign on Second Street Pike.

Ms. Jane DelBianco of Cherry Lane urged the Board to compare the Village of Wycombe to the Village of Penns Park and consider the uniqueness of each as the quality of life is maintained without traffic signals and the impact of quarry truck traffic.

Mr. Rasiej requested the Board to consider the quality of life as well; a traffic signal being of no benefit to the area.

Mr. Fradenburg urged the Board to protest the proposed signalization and to review the posted speed limit through the area. Mr. Pogonowski indicated that the Township had requested several times of PADOT, permission to post the speed limit at 25 MPH. PADOT's traffic study indicated that the speed limit was properly posted at 35 MPH.

Mr. Hone requested information be shared with the public regarding any decisions in the matter. Mr. Pogonowski indicated that the process is open to the public. He suggested that Mr. Hone send an email to the township requesting that he be put on the email notification list for future discussions on this issue.

Ms. Ruth Brown of Stoopville Road read a prepared statement: "I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors to record in the official minutes of tonight's meeting the specific inaccuracies and misrepresentations regarding the Civil Action No. 87-8274-19-5". Mr. Lloyd questioned which action she was referring to, but Ms. Brown declined.

PUBLIC HEARING: Courtyards at Penns Crossing Conditional Use:

Ms. Piette stated that the Conditional Use Hearing for the Courtyards would be continued to the Board of Supervisors Meeting of February 4, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Cellco/Verizon Wireless Conditional Use:

Ms. Piette re-opened the Cellco/Verizon Wireless Co-Location Conditional Use Hearing, which had been continued from October 15, 2007. A stenographic record was taken of the proceedings. Mr. Lloyd read a prepared statement, abstaining from all comment and votes due to his employment with Verizon.

Appearing for the Applicant was: Mr. Edward Wild, Esquire; Mr. Andrew M. Petersohn, P. E.; Mr. James Rodgers of Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless; Mr. Ken Farrell, Project Manager of CMC Engineering, Inc.; and Mr. Raphael I. Mohamed, P. E. of American Tower Engineering Services. The hearing was continued to February 4, 2008.

The Board directed Ms. Piette to prepare a Draft Decision for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2008.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. Le Shepperd of Durham Road stated his objection to the Township Office being open for business on Monday, January 21, being a legal holiday. He requested future consideration that it be scheduled as a holiday.

Ms. Ruth Brown asked the Board if they were considering repealing the recently enacted Federal Cemetery Overlay Ordinance. Mr. Pogonowski replied that Newtown and Upper Makefield Townships were the two lead municipalities concerned with this. He said it would be inappropriate for Wrightstown to propose a zoning change in Newtown or Upper Makefield, but felt Wrightstown would cooperate if that proposal was brought forth by Newtown or Upper Makefield.

There being no further business or comment to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned on motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel K. Hibbs
Administrative Clerk