

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2008
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The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, April 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, Township Engineer Mario Canales, Township Solicitor Susan Piette and Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley. Member/Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, Minutes of the Meetings held on April 7 and 14, 2008 were accepted as presented.*

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, Bills dated April 21, 2008 in the amount of \$30,549.58 were approved for payment. On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, Escrow Bills dated April 21, 2008 in the amount of \$10,141.63 were approved for payment.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Magne noted that the Work Session scheduled for Monday, April 28 would be cancelled so that Supervisors and Staff could attend a Workshop. She also announced that the Village Library was sponsoring a Program on May 3 entitled "Divorce in Bucks County" led by Jay Lieberson, Esquire.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. David Dutko of Worthington Mill Road inquired about pending disposition of Chippewa Farm and other Township-owned properties. Mr. Pogonowski said that active discussion would begin again at the June 9 Work Session.

REPORTS: Mr. Pogonowski acknowledged receipt of the District Justice Report for the month of March, 2008, with fines paid in the amount of \$536.26.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS: Ms. Piette gave an update on the Armed Forces Memorial project planned for the Township Municipal Building.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Open Space Committee: Mr. Pogonowski stated that in November of 2007, a Referendum was passed empowering Bucks County to incur debt for the purchase of open space. Prior to the Township receiving its share of the available funds, the Wrightstown Township Open Space Plan, originally adopted in 1998, would require revision and updating. While the County had not yet released the grant criteria, a new Open Space Committee should be appointed to review the current Plan.

Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to appoint current members of the Wrightstown Township Planning Commission and the Environmental Advisory Council to become the Open Space Committee with the addition of one Member of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane inquired about the possibility of a property owner offering land in the interim before adoption of a new Plan. Mr. Pogonowski replied that a minimum of 35-acres was presently the required acreage for consideration and that the Township still had available funds. Ms. Magne added that property could be purchased under the current plan, but new County funding would have to follow the new guidelines.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Pogonowski announced that 2007 Year-End Financial Reports were expected to be updated and released in the near future.

Mr. Pogonowski clarified recent questions regarding the operation of two proposed waste water treatment plants.

Ms. Magne updated residents on discussions relating to improvements to the Swamp Road Corridor. A committee of Wrightstown and Newtown Townships residents had formed to propose recommendations to PADOT. A meeting with PADOT officials and elected officials was scheduled for April 25, 2008 at The Village Library to present their proposals.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Government Access Channel Programming: Ms. Bradley reported that the government access channel broadcast hardware vendor offered a programming package, "Total Info", which was presently running on a trial basis on the government channels. The trial period was due to expire and

it was her recommendation to subscribe to the service for \$75.00 per month, or \$900.00 per year.

On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, purchase of the Leightronix "Total Info" programming package was approved for one year.

Capital Projects Building Loan: Ms. Bradley noted that the Township had been awarded a Capital Projects Loan of \$50,000.00 at a rate of 2% toward construction of a new Public Works Salt Shed. *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, the Board authorized acceptance and execution of loan documentation, pending review by the Township Solicitor.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Anchor Nursery Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan: The Anchor Nursery Preliminary Plan was reviewed in detail by Solicitor Piette with discussion by Board Members, centering on: the location of underground sewer lines for lots 1, 2 and 10; frontage improvements; and street lights. Ms. Piette was directed to clarify easement language, incorporate changes for possible passage on May 5, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposed Zoning Amendment: #2006-08: Lighting: *There being no public comment, on motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, proposed Amendment #2006-08: Lighting, was approved for advertisement for adoption.*

Proposed Zoning Amendment: #2007-03: Video Signage: *Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve proposed Amendment #2007-03: Video Signage for advertisement for adoption pending legal consultation.*

Mr. David Dutko asked that if the amendment did not allow video signage any closer than 500 feet to another sign, would it not preclude any additional signage in the Anchor Shopping Center. Mr. Pogonowski noted that under the amendment, if one video sign was located within the Shopping Center, it would prohibit additional video signage.

The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Zoning Amendment: #2008-01: Table of Uses - QA and QA-A Districts: *There being no public comment, on motion of Ms.*

Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, proposed Amendment #2008-01: Table of Uses - QA and QA-A Districts was approved for advertisement for adoption.

Proposed Zoning Amendment: #2008-02: Zoning Map Change: FCO District: *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to approve Amendment #2008-02: Zoning Map Change: FCO District for advertisement for adoption.*

Mr. John Rasiej asked if the amendment adoption could be postponed while Newtown Township revisited the FCO District. Mr. Pogonowski stated that as the ordinance stood now, there was a map error on a property holder in Upper Makefield Township which needed correction.

Mr. David Dutko asked that if the Veteran's Cemetery land had already been transferred to the Veteran's Administration, why would the Jointure continue with concessions to other parties. Mr. Pogonowski stated that plans had been approved by multiple bodies and filed with the County, which needed to be followed through.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. John Graser of Midland Road distributed photos to the Board of Supervisors showing conditions on his property following a recent rainfall event and asked that the Township Engineer and Code Officer follow up on proposed violations.

Mr. Pogonowski reminded residents that Primary Election Day was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and urged participation.

There being no further business or comment, on motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley,
Township Administrator