

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 7, 2008**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, July 7, 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 and Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Minutes of the Meeting of June 16, 2008 were accepted with corrections on a motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present. Minutes of Meeting of June 23, 2008 were accepted as presented.*

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Bills dated July 7, 2008 in the amount of \$66,240.14 were approved for payment. On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Escrow Bills dated July 7, 2008 in the amount of \$50,243.96 were approved for payment. On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, Transfers in the amount of \$35,340.44 were approved.*

There was no public comment at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Bradley stated that West Nile Virus had been found in mosquitoes collected in nearby Tyler State Park. Residents should remove standing water from their property and inform the Bucks County Health Department of any dead birds in the area.

Ms. Bradley noted that Wrightstown Road would be closed from July 7 through August 11 from Route 413 to Eagle Road for utility installation.

REPORTS: Chief Pasqualini of the Newtown Police Department submitted the June Police Report and indicated that residents should see an increase in traffic enforcement. He also noted that the incidents of burglaries are linked with the down-turn of the economy. Suspicious persons should be reported to the police.

Additional reports submitted included: The Code Department Report for June 2008; the Road Department Report for May 2008; the Engineer's report for June 2008; the Lingohocken Fire

Company Report for May 2008; and the Central Bucks Ambulance Financial Reports for April 2008.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Graser Comments: Mr. Pogonowski responded to comments made at a recent meeting that the Township had done nothing to alleviate stormwater problems experienced by John Graser of Midland Road by reviewing actions taken on behalf of Mr. Graser over the last six years and the expenditure of upwards of \$25,000.00 in legal, engineering and administrative expenses.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: IRS Mileage Allowance Increase: Ms. Bradley stated that the Internal Revenue Service had increased the mileage allowance from \$0.505 cents per mile to \$0.585 cents, effective July 1, 2008. *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Resolution #2008-037 was approved amending the Fee Schedule to allow for the increase.*

Anchor Run Farm Sand Mound Installation Contract Award: Ms. Bradley noted that on Wednesday, June 25 at 11:00 A.M., the Township had received five bids for the installation of a septic sand mound at the Anchor Run Farm. Bids were: Passerini Construction Inc. at \$21,500.00; Bray Brothers, Inc. at \$24,919.35; McAllister Construction Co., Inc. at \$24,955.00; Franc Environmental Inc. at \$32,069.00; and Pikeland Construction, Inc. at \$44,240.00. *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, award of contract was given to Passerini Construction Inc. of Perkasio, PA for \$21,500.00.*

Stained Glass Window: Ms. Bradley noted that the Township would be accepting donations toward the purchase of a hand-crafted stained glass window of the Township seal to be installed on the back wall of the Meeting Room. The window was estimated to cost around \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Financial Update: Ms. Bradley gave an update of the financial condition of the Township.

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane stated that the report indicated that income was at 46.9%, but that that figure did not include reserves carried over from last year.

Mr. Dave Talton of Park Avenue requested more detail in monthly reports; a breakdown of liabilities; a comparison of earned income taxes over prior years; a comparison of recurring revenues and expenditures.

Mr. Pogonowski reviewed a breakdown of "in lieu" fees paid by developers over recent years. It was agreed to transfer all recreation fees into the newly-established Park and Recreation Reserve Fund 44.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Ordinance: Zoning Amendment 2008-01: QA - QA-A Corrections: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Ordinance #270 was approved, adopting Zoning Amendment #2008-01: QA - QA-A Corrections, to allow quarrying within the QA and QA-A Districts.*

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Ordinance: Zoning Amendment 2008-02: Zoning Map Corrections to FCO District: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Ordinance #271 was approved, adopting Zoning Amendment #2008-02: Zoning Map Corrections to the FCO District, adding a portion of a specific parcel, the Gunser property, to the FCO District.*

PUBLIC HEARING: Cricket Communications/Garner Co-Location Conditional Use: The Hearing was convened at 8:49 p.m. At the request of the Applicant, the Cricket Communications/Garner Co-Location Conditional Use Hearing was continued to August 4, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Ms. Magne on a vote of two to zero, with Mr. Lloyd abstaining due to his employment with Verizon, a competitor of the Applicant. The hearing was closed at 8:49 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Cricket Communications/Hipple Co-Location Conditional Use: The Hearing was convened at 8:50 p.m. At the request of the Applicant, the Cricket Communications/Hipple Co-Location Conditional Use Hearing was continued to August 4, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski on a vote of two to zero, with Mr. Lloyd abstaining due to his employment with Verizon, a competitor of the Applicant. The hearing was closed at 8:50 p.m.

ROADMASTER/ROAD FOREMAN: Backhoe Purchase: Ms. Bradley stated that the Roads Foreman had researched backhoes available on state contract: a Cat for \$87,575.00; a Case for \$81,855.00;

and a Deere for \$72,310.00. Features of each were nearly identical. Ms. Bradley noted that the Board had budgeted \$80,000.00 for a new backhoe.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, the Board authorized purchase of a John Deere backhoe in the amount of \$72,310.00 with optional equipment not to exceed a total of \$80,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Escrow Release: ARCCA Phase Two: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Final Escrow Release #5 in the amount of \$3,000.00 was authorized for the ARCCA Phase Two Development.*

NEW BUSINESS: Escrow Release: Wilkins Maintenance Bond: *On motion of Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, release of the Wilkins Estates Subdivision Maintenance Bond was authorized.*

NEW BUSINESS: Escrow Release: Highlands at Chapman Corner (Varga): *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Escrow Release #5 in the amount of \$322,288.32 was authorized for the Highlands at Chapman Corners (Varga) Subdivision, leaving \$357,431.08 remaining in the Letter of Credit.*

There being no further business or comment, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator

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