

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2008**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, October 6, 2008 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. The Regular 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 Solicitor Terry Clemons, Township Engineer Mario Canales and Interim Township Manager David Nyman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *On motion* by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008 amending Mr. Pogonowski's comments regarding the Brine equipment. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. The minutes of the work Session of September 22, 2008 were accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *On motion* Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Bills dated October 6, 2008 in the amount of \$53,875.54 were approved for payment. *On motion* of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Escrow Bills dated October 6, 2008 in the amount of \$19,331.13 were approved for payment. *On motion* of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Interfund Transfers of \$11,356.78 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Magne announced the next Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Council meeting as being at the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building on November 6, 2008 at 8:00 PM.

The Historic Commission will meet at the Octagon School on Sunday, October 17th from 1 to 5 PM.

Wrightstown Elementary School's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be November 25th.

The dedication ceremony for the Wrightstown Veterans Memorial will be November 8, 2008 at 2 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

- A. Engineer's Report: Mr. Canales's report was in the Board packets. Mr. Pogonowski inquired as to the status of the signal installation on Rte 413. Mr. Lloyd asked about the re-surfacing on Alexanders Court and Skoures Lane.
- B. Code Report: Mr. Pogonowski reviewed the Code Department Report. Mr. Lloyd was concerned about any budgetary effect of the housing down-turn.
- C. Road Report submitted for review.
- D. Lingohocken Fire Company Report submitted for review.
- E. Police Report: Lt. Forsyth distributed and reviewed the Police Report. He introduced Officer Chris Joseph to the Board.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS:

- A. **Courtyards Non-Community Sewage System:** Mr. Clemons reviewed the draft Ordinance for Non-Community Sewage Systems. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize the advertisement of the Non-Community Sewage System Ordinance for future consideration. Mr. John Rasiej expressed concern about a sufficient amount being escrowed in the event of a system failure. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.
Mr. Don Marshall, Esq., Mr. William Messick and Mr. Alan Cantor were present to request Board consideration of their proposal to proceed with earthwork and construction of the foundation for the addition to their storage building. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize the execution of the Planning Module to include the information requested by DEP. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.
On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to allow the issuance of a building permit for only the foundation and necessary earthwork provided all existing billing for previous services has been satisfied, the existing escrow account is restored and an additional \$5000 escrow is established to cover inspections of the permitted work, with the review and approval of the Township Engineer. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

B. Salt Bid Acceptance Agreement: Mr. Clemons presented the Bucks County Consortium Salt Bid agreement for consideration. He noted the discrepancy in the perceived low bid, recommending acceptance of the International Salt bid. *On motion* by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to accept the bid of \$69.50 per ton, delivered, for road salt from International Salt. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

- A. **Act 101 Recycling Performance Grant:** Mr. Nyman announced that the Township had received \$7280.00 for the reported 353.8 tons of residential and commercial recycling reported for 2006.
- B. **Pension System State Aid Grant:** Mr. Nyman reported receipt of \$13,464.85 for the 2008 Commonwealth allocation for the General Municipal Pension System.
- C. **PW Heating System quote:** Mr. Nyman presented a proposal from Newtown Heating and Air Conditioning to install a new gas fired heating system in the Public Works building. The Board requested additional quotes.
- D. **PW Brine system upgrade:** *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the additional \$1702.70 for a 1300 gallon brine tank for the Anti-icing unit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. **Cricket - Garner Conditional Use Hearing:** Mrs. Crystal Fisher, Esq., Mr. Mike Bohlinger, P.E. and Mr. Doug Harris, Radio Frequency Engineer were present for the applicant. Cricket is seeking approval to install cellular equipment on the Garner Tower. Mr. Lloyd recused himself from the deliberation to avoid any possible conflict of interest as an employee of Verizon. The proceedings were recorded by a court reporter. *On motion* by Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Ms. Magne, authorize Mr. Clemons to prepare a draft

decision for consideration by the Board within the next 45 days. With no additional comment, the motion was approved 2 - 0 with Mr. Lloyd abstaining. The hearing was therefore continued.

- B. Twining Conditional Use Hearing:** Mr. Steve McIntyre and Mr. John McIntyre were present as the applicants seeking approval to establish a design center in their existing building. The proceedings were recorded by a court reporter. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize Mr. Clemons prepare a draft decision for consideration by the Board within the next 45 days. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. The hearing was therefore continued.
- C. JMZO Amendment 2008-08: Accessory Contractor or Trade Hearing:** Mr. Clemons reviewed the proposed Jointure ordinance amendment. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the amendment to JMZO 2008-08, Wrightstown Ordinance 273. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.
- D. JMZO Amendment 2008-09: CM District Amendment:** Mr. Clemons reviewed the proposed Jointure ordinance amendment. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the amendment to JMZO 2008-07, Wrightstown Ordinance 274. Mr. John Rasiej asked about any locations that might be exceptions. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. The Administration was directed to create a listing of existing, non-conforming signs.
- E. JMZO Amendment 2008-08: Accessory Contractor or Trade Hearing:** Mr. Clemons reviewed the proposed Jointure ordinance amendment. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize advertisement of the amendment to JMZO 2008-09 for future consideration by the Board. Mr. John Rasiej noted that this amendment was an excellent idea. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Letters of Extension: None

B. Escrow Releases: Mr. Nyman acknowledged receipt of an escrow release request from Prime Properties, but noted a significant unpaid fund balance which needed to be satisfied before release request should be considered.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: October 20, 2008

David R. Nyman
Interim Township Manager

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