

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, November 17, 2008 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. Also in attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Member/Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Township Solicitor Susan Piette, Township Engineer Mario Canales and Interim Township Manager David Nyman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *On motion* by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the November 3, 2008 minutes with the addition of "and Township residents" to the announcement for the Armed Forces Memorial Dedication. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. *On motion* by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the November 10, 2008 work session minutes as presented. With no additional comment, all voted in favor

APPROVAL OF BILLS: *On motion* Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Bills dated November 17, 2008 in the amount of \$80,092.96 were approved for payment. *On motion* of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Escrow Bills dated November 17, 2008 in the amount of \$6,832.72 were approved for payment. *On motion* by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Interfund Transfers dated November 17th 2008 of \$77,000.00 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Magne announced the next Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Council meeting as being at the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building on December 4, 2008 at 8:00 PM.

Wrightstown Library has a Movies by Moonlight program on Friday evenings, presents a program to assist families in dealing with Alzheimer's December 6th, conducts a Handweights exercise program on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is forming a Friends of the Library Group. Details are available at the Library or Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RESOLUTION 2008-07: *On motion* by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to adopt Resolution 2008-07, commending Matthew J. Piette upon attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout, specifically noting his role in creation and dedication of the Armed Forces Memorial. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

Ms. Magne presented the Resolution to Matthew, again recognizing his efforts towards bringing the Armed Forces Memorial to fruition.

REPORTS:

Lieutenant Forsythe presented the October Police report to the Board. Mr. Lloyd questioned the level of recent burglaries. Mr. John Rasiej, Cedar Lane, asked about truck details conducted during the month.

Mr. Pogonowski reviewed the monthly Lingohocken Fire Company report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- A. **Hallowell Drive Stormwater waiver request:** Mr. Canales presented a request to waive portions of the stormwater requirements for the Ragbirsingh property on Hallowell Drive, noting that further removal of trees may be required without such a waiver. **On motion** by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to grant the waiver from the stormwater requirements to meet the 75% release rate for the two (2) to hundred (100) year storms for the Ragbirsingh property on Hallowell Drive. With no additional discussion, all voted in favor.
- B. **Toll/Hibbs streetlight installation:** Tabled
- C. **413/Wrightstown Road Traffic Signal:** Mr. Canales reported that the signal is operating as per the PennDOT permit.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. **2009 Preliminary Budget Presentation:** Mr. Nyman shared a power point presentation of the 2009 Preliminary Budget. The presentation included budgets for the General Fund as well as all other Township Funds and proposed a 0.5 increase in Real Estate Tax millage to fund the Rescue Squad. The Board discussed the need for the millage increase versus the desire to hold the line on taxes in view of the current economic situation. Mr. Le Shepard, Durham Road, urged the Board to maintain current tax levels, rather than increasing them. Mr. John Rasiej, Cedar Lane, expressed concern about the fund balance, indicating that it was growing annually. He believes that the money should be in the hands of the taxpayers, not the government, and requested consideration of taxes being lowered. He expressed concern that he didn't believe the Board was showing a sufficient level of urgency for selling off properties. **On motion** by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the Preliminary Budget with a General Fund total expenditure of \$1,972,423 and advertising it for public inspection. The Township Manager was directed to remove the proposed 0.5 mil Real Estate Tax increase from the Budget prior to final consideration. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

- B. **Auditor's resignation:** The Board acknowledged the resignation of Auditor James Fleming. The Board requested resumes and background letters from residents, within the next two weeks, interested in

being considered to fill the position. Appointment of a replacement is anticipated for the December 15th meeting.

C. Anchor Run Farm barn ramp wall bids: Mr. Nyman shared the results of the bid opening for the reconstruction of the ramp wall at the Anchor Run Farm barn. *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the low bid of \$24,255 from Midway Corporation to reconstruct the ramp wall at the Anchor Run Farm barn, subject to posting the required Performance and Payment Bonds. With no additional comment, voted in favor.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Letters of Extension: None

B. Escrow Releases: A request by Reshetar Realty to release escrow funds from the Park Hill account was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. John Rasiej, Cedar Lane, asked about the status of the Manager Search.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn into executive session at 9:51 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: December 1, 2008

Ethel Hibbs
Recording Secretary

David R. Nyman
Interim Township Manager

Res. #2008-057