

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2009**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 16, 2009 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:32 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 Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski to approve the minutes of March 2, 2009 Regular meeting. With no additional comment the minutes were approved 2 - 0 with Ms. Magne abstaining. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the minutes of March 9, 2009 Work Session. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** *On motion* of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the Bills dated March 16, 2009 in the amount of \$30,034.45. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. *On motion* of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the Escrow Bills dated March 16, 2009 in the amount of \$12,997.59. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Wrightstown Township Library programs:** Ms. Magne announced the "Read to Hardy" the dog program on March 19<sup>th</sup>, Movies by Moonlight scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> and encouraged participation in the newly formed "Fun" Raisers group to assist the Library in raising funds for numerous activities.

**ReadyNotifyPA:** Mr. Nyman reminded residents to register to receive emergency announcements by cell phone or email at [www.ReadyNotifyPA.org](http://www.ReadyNotifyPA.org).

**Changes to the agenda:** BCHD West Nile virus control program request added.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Susan Piette, Esq.**

**A. Ziel Zoning Hearing Board application:** Mr. David Ziel was present and explained that his variance request was driven by providing a secure, private play area for his young children. *On motion* by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize the Solicitor's office to express their concern to the Zoning Hearing Board relative to the "stockade-style" fence being requested. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

**B. Verizon request to rescind Conditional Use approval:** *On motion by Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Ms. Magne, to rescind the Conditional Use approval and building permit granted to Verizon wireless with respect to Verizon Wireless' installation of wireless communications service equipment on the Hipple tower. With no additional comment, the motion was approved 2 - 0, with Mr. Lloyd abstaining.*

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mario Canales, P.E.**

**A. Monthly Report:** Mr. Canales reviewed his monthly report.

**B. Outfall Monitoring - Year 6 report:** Mr. Canales noted three outfall sites requiring maintenance which will be reviewed by the Township Road Department for repair.

**C. Pineville Tavern LD queries:** Mr. Canales shared two requests regarding the Pineville Tavern Land Development. The Road Department will evaluate the top soil available. **On motion by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to permit the use of Belgian Block curbing at the Pineville Tavern land development. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.**

**D. Casadonti Zoning Hearing Board application:** The Board discussed requesting the Zoning Hearing Board to strenuously follow the tree protection ordinance. Mr. John Rasiej, Cedar Lane, urged the Board to request the recovery of all legal and engineering costs associated with enforcing the Ordinance. **On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize the Solicitor's office to seek alternate council to advise the Zoning Hearing Board to require all caliper inches of trees removed without approval to be replaced, either on site or within the Township satisfactory to the direction of the Township Engineer and seek re-imburement of legal and engineering expenses accrued as a part of this enforcement action. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.**

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Pogonowski advised the Board that the Bucks County Association of Township officials approved submission of all but the Fireworks resolution to the State Association. He also noted that they are assembling a listing of "shovel ready" projects for consideration of funding with stimulus funds.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. Police Report:** Chief Pasqualini highlighted his January and February reports, encouraging residents to report suspicious persons or situations. He further shared information requested by the Board regarding the use of engine retarders on trucks and the Ordinance Newtown adopted to restrict their use. Mr. Lloyd requested additional information regarding the maintenance of such equipment and how it could be monitored. Ms. Magne noted complaints of their use as an annoyance. Mr. John Rasiej thanked the Board for engaging in this consideration. Mr. Le Shepard, Durham Road, suggested increasing traffic/speed details to help resolve the issue. Mr. David Dutko, cited the use of Google to obtain more detailed information. Chief Pasqualini also reviewed the details of a recent accident at Worthington Mill and Route 413 involving a police chase incident.
- B. Code/Building Report:** In Board packets for review. Mr. Pogonowski noted 24 permits issued in January and 12 permits issued in February.
- C. Road Report:** In Board packets for review. Ms. Magne shared praise from a resident regarding the snow removal efforts of the Road Department during the recent snow storm.
- D. Lingohocken Fire Company Report:** In Board packets for review.
- E. Jointure Solicitor's Report:** In Board packets for review.

**MANAGER'S REPORT: David R. Nyman**

- A. Gorski Resolution 2009-013:** *On motion by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to adopt Resolution 2009-013, recognizing the dedication and service of Francis M. Gorski to the Lingohocken Fire Company and the community. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*
- B. Sheldron Tax lein removal request:** *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne to authorize the removal of the penalty and fees for TMP# 53-003-034. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*
- C. BCDH West Nile Virus control request:** *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to grant permission for the Bucks County Department of Health to treat municipal properties in Wrightstown for mosquito control. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.  
All voted in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: April 6, 2009

David R. Nyman  
Interim Township Manager

Resolution 2009-013