

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 18, 2009**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 18, 2009 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:35 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. Mr. Pogonowski announced that the Board had met in executive session just prior to the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne to approve the minutes of May 4, 2009 Regular meeting and the minutes of May 11, 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 May 18, 2009 in the amount of \$35,909.46. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to approve the Escrow Bills dated May 18, 2009 in the amount of \$18,621.97. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wrightstown Township Library: Ms. Magne announced the current hours for the Wrightstown Library and reminded everyone to check the bulletin board for current activities at the Library.

Octagonal School Open House dates: Ms. Magne noted the Open House dates and times when the Historical Commission provides guided access to the Wrightstown Octagonal School House.

Stained Glass Window fund: Ms. Magne reminded all of the effort to fund a stained glass window of the Wrightstown seal with donations and encouraged anyone interested in supporting this effort. Donations can be dropped off or sent to the Township Offices.

May 25th - No work session scheduled: Ms. Magne reminded residents that there would be no work session on May 25th, due to Memorial Day.

Changes to the agenda: Mr. Pogonowski moved the consideration of a Resolution acknowledging the achievement of Eagle Scout by M. David Boodey of Wrightstown Township to this time on the agenda. *On motion by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to adopt Resolution 2009-015, commending M. David Boodey on his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.* At this time, Ms. Magne formally presented David Boodey with the Resolution, further acknowledging his accomplishments. Mr. Pogonowski added his praise, noting the positive impact of Scouting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

- A. Brownsburg Road Weight Restriction Ordinance #281:** Ms. Piette reviewed the purpose and content of the Ordinance. Mr. Pogonowski opened the public hearing. With no public comment, the hearing was closed. *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the Ordinance. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.* Mr. Nyman was directed to send notification to the local fire companies and the Council Rock School District.
- A. Dimmler expiration draft letter:** Ms. Piette reviewed the conditions of approval for the Dimmler subdivision and noted that the five (5) years in which the improvements for the project are to be completed is nearing expiration. *On motion by Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to authorize the Township Solicitor to send the letter drafted regarding this expiration to the Dimmler's and their attorney. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*
- B. Anchor Presbyterian ZHB decision review:** Ms. Piette reviewed the recent Zoning Hearing Board decision, granting relief to the Anchor Presbyterian Church for the erection of an over-sized sign. Mr. John Rasiej, Cedar Lane, asked to have the ZHB's decision explained. He noted appreciation of the Supervisors' efforts to create a Zoning Ordinance that makes sense for Wrightstown and expressed frustration for the ZHB's failure to support them. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not appeal the decision.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Pogonowski reminded all that tomorrow, May 19th is Primary Election Day.

Ms. Magne commended Buckingham Township on their finalization of efforts to preserve the Histan property along Township Line Road.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Engineer's Reports:** Mario Canales, P.E., acknowledged his reports for March and April.
- B. Code/Building Report:** In Board packets for review. Mr. Pogonowski noted 28 permits issued in March and 31 permits issued in April.
- C. Road Report:** In Board packets for review. The inclusion of the 2008-2009 Snow Season Report was noted
- D. Lingohocken Fire Company Report:** In Board packets for review. Mr. Pogonowski reviewed the report and Ms. Magne noted the celebration

of George Rowe's 85th birthday by Fire Company members, citing his many years of service to the community of Wrightstown.

E. Jointure Solicitor's Report: In Board packets for review. The consideration of amendments to the TC Zoning District and the Historic Preservation Ordinance was noted.

MANAGER'S REPORT: David R. Nyman

A. Municipal building landscaping proposals: The Board considered three proposal to clean up and plant landscaping; Pastorek Landscaping - \$944.00, Jim Frey Landscaping - \$1140.00 and King's Indian Head Farm - \$745.00. *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to accept the proposal from King's Indian Head Farm. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*

B. Vacation Reconciliation Payout consideration: Mr. Nyman reviewed the Personnel Policy vacation provision and recommended reconciling it by buying back the excess days listed. *On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne to approve the payment of \$3,713.60 to David James, \$4,992.00 to Ted Middleman and three annual payments of \$4,304.26 to Steve Kraiss, to buy back previously accumulated vacation time, making all employees compliant with the new vacation policy. John Rasiej asked which annual rate was used for the calculation. Mr. Nyman noted that records were unclear regarding when accumulated hours were actually earned and if used now would be paid at today's rate regardless. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.*

C. Summer Intern - escrow accounts review and filing: Mr. Nyman advised the Board of an opportunity to use the volunteer services of a college student during the summer to review our escrow accounts and complete some other general filing. The consensus of the Board endorsed this opportunity.

D. Work Session broadcast status: Mr. Nyman reported that he and David Dutko have been reviewing concept for broadcasting work sessions and will compile cost data, hopefully by the next work session.

B. Executive session: Mr. Nyman requested a five minute executive session to discuss personnel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn into executive session at 8:30 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved: June 1, 2009

David R. Nyman
Interim Township Manager

Ordinance 281
Resolution 2009-015