

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, November 2, 2009 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, Pa. The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Secretary/Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Solicitor Terry Clemons, Engineer Mario Canales and Township Manager Joseph F. Pantano.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Pogonowski, Minutes of the Meeting held on October 19, 2009 were approved. Member Lloyd abstained due to absence.

**Approval of Bills:** On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd, General Fund Bills in the amount of \$93,465.35; Liquid Fuels Fund Bills in the amount of \$7, 770.; Cable Access Fund Bills in the amount of \$59.95 and Interfund Transfers in the amount of \$12,000. were approved by all with no further comment.

**Announcements:** Member Magne reminded residents of the Township Clean-up detail which was being spear-headed by Ken and Jean Cook scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> along a 2-mile portion of Swamp Road. Dinner for participants will follow at the Cook residence. Ms. Magne announced Wrightstown Library events including a “Read to Hardy” on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 A.M. to 12 Noon; a “Tax Talk” seminar scheduled for Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 A. M. Both events require advance registration at the Library. Used Book Sales will be held Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 5 PM; 1 – 5 PM and 3 – 9 PM, respectively. A Princeton Review Free Practice SAT tests will be conducted on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM (pre-registration is required.)

**Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment at this time.

**Engineer’s Report:** Engineer Canales, representing Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc., had distributed a letter dated October 26, 2009 regarding the Brownsburg Road Reconstruction Payment Request. On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne, and approved by all Members present, a partial payment will be made to Miller & Son Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$377,180.34. A 20% retainage fee in the amount of \$94,295.09 will be held until recommended for disbursement by Engineer Canales.

Engineer Canales submitted Mylar and paper documents for the Chapman Corners/Hibbs Tract Final Record Plans – Phase II for Execution and Filing. Planning Commission Chair and Secretary and the Board of Supervisors will sign each Document which will be returned to Solicitor Clemons for recording.

**Solicitor's Report:** Attorney Piette stated that the T-Mobile Application for a cell tower/silo to be located at the Middletown Grange property was recommended for Conditional Use approval at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting held on September 23, 2009. It is on the Planning Commission Agenda for Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Supervisor Magne reported on the Park & Recreation Board recent Harvest Festival held at the Middletown Grange Property. She read a list of businesses who had made contributions to the Event and expressed appreciation to each. Member Lloyd commented favorably about the success of the event and Board members participation.

**Department Reports:** Central Bucks Ambulance Squad Chief Chuck Pressler dialogued with Board Members about services to Wrightstown Township residents. He stated a new relationship with the American Red Cross who have developed a Doylestown shelter and counseling center; the Southeast Disaster Response Association which included training for squad members; a Red Cross Blood Drive on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 8 PM at the Doylestown station of the Central Bucks Ambulance Squad and the potential development of a web site in conjunction with the Township site. Chair Pogonowski reiterated the areas of coverage of both the Central Bucks Squad and the Newtown Ambulance Squad which covers the entire Township, collectively. Chief Pressler stated that response times vary and that residents concerns have been addressed satisfactorily.

**Manager's Report:** Manager Pantano summarized the up-dated 2010 Draft Budget and dialogued with Board Members via a power-point presentation. He stated the total millage for 2010 would be shown to be the same as the 2009 Millage. He stated the carry-over at the close of 2009 is expected to be \$1,000,000. and the carry-over for 2010 is projected to be \$761,000. These are preliminary numbers and will be Changed as the 2009 projections are made. He interpreted the Special Funds Revenue and Expenditures comparing 2009 and 2010 figures. He noted that \$1,000,000. has been granted for Open Space acquisition if acreage becomes available. Member Magne stated that Bucks County Open Space funds are also available. Chair Pogonowski directed Manager Pantano to include a line item in the Draft Budget for use if a parcel(s) becomes available.

General Fund Budget: Chair Pogonowski directed Solicitor Clemons to speak to the CFA and Derek & Dana Hunting relating to rental costs at the Anchor Run Farm for the year 2010 and to develop appropriate leases.

Note: recycling grant monies for the year have not been received but are expected.

Chair Pogonowski inquired of the balance reported in Line Item #380.100 in the amount of \$85,326.?

Line Item 405.460 in the amount of \$6,000. is designated for a Township newsletter which the Board of Supervisors expects to be developed and circulated during early 2010 and on a regular basis thereafter.

Line Item 409.730 Parking Lot Lighting in the amount of \$50,000. was discussed at a recent Work Session Board Meeting.

Dialogue centered around Township leases which Manager Pantano will review.

Chair Pogonowski directed Manager Pantano to project the Draft 2010 Budget on the web site in a PDF format for public perusal; to include all Fund Balances at the next presentation which will indicate financial stability; to indicate brine equipment purchases appropriately and to show revenue compared to expenditure for the final presentation on November 16, 2009.

**Public Comment re: 2010 Draft Budget:**

John Rasiej, a resident of Cedar Lane, inquired about plans for the use of profit from property sales to reduce the Township debt. Chair Pogonowski replied that the Board would consider refinancing current Loans and would enlist the advice of Solicitor Clemons. A brief discussion focused on capital, revenue and potential revenue from future sales of property; Cable Fund balances; possibility of EIT revenue decreasing and other allocation of funds. Mr. Rasiej urged the Board to consider a reduction of Township taxes which would be appreciated by residents.

Resident David Dutko, Worthington Mill Road resident inquired about the Cable Fund and the potential replacement of audio-visual equipment including additional man-hours for broadcasting Work Session Meetings.

Chair Pogonowski requested Manager Pantano to accurately reflect all Fund Balances; to develop a spread-sheet showing columns A, B which would include revenues & expenditures for clarity and to report on Fund 4 Special Reserve Fund showing Brownsburg Road costs.

Further discussions will include Finance Director, Manager and Chair Pogonowski.

**Public Comment:** Resident John Rasiej, Cedar Lane, urged residents to exercise the privilege of voting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano  
Township Manager