

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2009

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, December 23, 2009 in the Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, Pa. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne; Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd; Engineer Mario Canales representing the Engineering firm of Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc.; Susan Piette representing the law firm of Clemons, Richter, Walsh & Reiss and Joseph F. Pantano, Township Manager.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Pogonowski and approved by all Members present, Minutes of the Meeting held on December 7, 2009 were approved as presented. Member Magne abstained from the vote due to absence.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd Bills in the amount of \$81,839.39; Cable Access Invoices in the amount of \$17,493.26; Park & Recreation Fund Invoices in the amount of \$79.08; Liquid Fuels Bills in the amount of \$90,295.09; Open Space Fund Bills in the amount of \$2,099.86 were approved. All voted in favor.

On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd Escrow Bills in the amount of \$6,800.30; General Fund Payroll Account in the amount of \$12,000.; PLGIT Special Reserve Fund 04 to FNB General Fund 01 in the amount of \$25,000.; PLGIT Special Reserve Fund 04 to FNB Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$90,000.; and PLGIT General Fund to the PLGIT Procurement Card Fund in the amount of \$5,000. were approved. All voted in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Magne invited residents to attend a presentation of “West Side Story” play presented by Once Upon a Time Players at The Village Library on January 3, 2010; The Scrabble Club which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, monthly in the Community Room beginning at 7:30 P. M. Both programs require registration by calling the Village Library at 215-598-3322.

The Board of Supervisors directed Manager Pantano to prepare a letter to the Newtown Township Board of Supervisors urging them to fully restore a funding commitment to The Village Library, Wrightstown. Funds have been budgeted historically as a part of the Newtown Township Budget, and had been proposed to be reduced in the 2010 Budget. Forty per cent of the Library patrons are from Newtown Township and support is imperative to the Library services in both communities.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Chair Pogonowski stated that mylars for the Gelleri Lot Line Plan would be signed at the close of the Meeting in preparation for recording.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cedar Lane resident, John Rasiej applauded the Public Works Department for excellent snow clearing in the recent blizzard; Chair Pogonowski noted the application of brine to road surfaces which aided in clearing roads. Mr. Rasiej had commented at earlier meetings about the low volume of speakers, particularly at Work Sessions. Chair Pogonowski announced the delivery of additional microphones which will aid in curing the volume problems.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Engineer Canales has distributed copies of the report for November.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Piette reported on meeting with farmer Wm. Serwell and presented the Board with a 2010-2011 Ground Lease Agreement determining all terms and conditions of farming available ground at Anchor Run Farm. Mr. Serwell will be asked to sign the document which will then be presented to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors for signature, and the attest signature of Manager Pantano.

Application of T-Mobile, PECO Site at Mill Creek Road. Attorney Piette reviewed all terms and conditions of the Application following the Hearing at the December 7, 2009 Board of Supervisors Meeting. On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, all terms and conditions were approved. Member Lloyd abstained from the vote to avoid a conflict of interest in the matter.

Orleans Homebuilders, Inc., Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. SM221287W. A temporary extension of time will be granted to the Developer by Wachovia Bank, National Association until December 23, 2009. The Irrevocable Letter of Credit will expire no sooner than February 26, 2010. Attorney Piette stated all legal matters would be cared for by Solicitor Clemons appropriately.

Approval of actions were favored by motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne and approved by all Members present.

**Department Reports:** Chair Pogonowski accepted monthly reports from the Code/Building Department; the Road Department, the Lingohocken Fire Company, the Central Bucks Ambulance Squad and the Police Department for the month of November.

**Manager's Report:**

Manager Pantano had distributed copies of the Final 2010 Budget, indicating minor changes reflecting millage revisions in the General Fund Budget. Chair Pogonowski stated that revenue sources were decreased for the 2009 year, Permit Fees were decreased since developments were not progressing as planned earlier in the year. Member Magne expressed concern about fixed incomes of many senior citizens in the community; Member Lloyd commented on the Building Loan having been reduced which will show lesser amounts of payments in 2010. He suggested a reduction of ½ mil should be considered by the Board.

Cedar Lane resident John Rasiej urged the Board to reduce taxes for the 2010 year since interest payments on Loans would lessen; fund balances are accurate and the possible sale of township-owned property in 2010 might provide additional revenue.

After some discussion the Board agreed to drop the General Fund millage by .34 mils reducing the amount of the General Fund to 3.03 mils. Total millage for all funds will be 6.58 mils.

Worthington Mill resident David Dutko noted an increase in A/c #452.200.01 of \$1500. for 2010 which is due to Work Sessions now being televised twice monthly.

On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne, Resolution #2009-031 was approved in the amount of \$1,548,708. as a Final Budget for the 2010 General Fund. All other Funds are as listed in the Resolution and stated by the Manager. All voted in favor.

On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne Resolution No 2009-032, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Fixing The Tax Levy Rates For The Year 2010, for a Total Tax Rate for All Purposes at 6.58 mils. All voted in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A brief discussion focused on a prior request from Anchor Run Farm tenants to install a wood stove as part of improvements. No approval was given to the request.

Mylars and paper copies of a Final Plan for the Lot-Line Change for Alex & Ursula Gelleri, T. P. #53-001-063 and #53-001-064. Documents will be signed following the business meeting for recording.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

After a brief discussion regarding the hiring of an auditing firm to audit all financial records thus allowing elected auditors to review and make further suggestions regarding the Township Financial activities and other responsibilities; authority was given to Solicitor Clemons to investigate the process to advertise for auditing firms who would audit the 2010 Finances. All voted in favor of the motion put forth by Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd.

**PSATS Resolutions:**

Chair Pogonowski read suggested Resolutions relating to fireworks sales to individuals; legislation to extend Act 101 of 1988 providing for a tipping fee on trash used to fund the municipal recycling grant program and to amend the PA tax code to

allow a real estate transfer fee to be collected at the time of transfer of real property from one corporate entity to another.

On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne and approved by all Members present, the above will be presented to PSATS at an upcoming Session. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Supervisors, the Meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano  
Secretary