

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 1, 2010

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Meeting Room of the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, Pa. Chair Chester S. Pogonowski called the Meeting to order at 7: 30 P. M. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Member Robert S. Lloyd, Engineer Mario Canales, Solicitor Susan Piette and Township Manager Joseph F. Pantano.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne and approved by all members present, Minutes of the meetings held on December 14, 2009 and January 11, 2010 were approved with minor corrections.

On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd and approved by all members present, Minutes of meetings held on January 25, 2010 and February 1, 2010 were approved with minor corrections.

On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd and approved by all members present, Minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2010 were approved as presented.

On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne and approved by all members present, Minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2010 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: On motion of Member Magne, seconded by member Lloyd and approved by all members present, General Fund bills in the amount of \$58,952.03 were approved; Escrow Fund checks in the amount of \$11,780.63 were approved and Interfund Transfers in the amount of \$15,000. were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Member Magne reported on activities at The Village Library noting movies are scheduled for March 5th and April 16th as well as Scrabble Club events which require pre-registration.

Member Magne stated financial contributions are being solicited for the proposed stained glass window installation in the Meeting Room of the Township building.

Member Magne announced an Easter Egg Hunt for Township residents is being arranged by the Park & Recreation Board. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th on the grounds of Chippewa Farm beginning at 1 P. M. The rain date will be March 28.

Ms. Magne updated information about the 2010 Census: Township residents having P. O. Box addresses will receive hand-delivered forms beginning on March 1st while forms will be mailed to residents with home delivery service beginning on March 15th. All forms are required to be returned on or before April 1, 2010. Chair Pogonowski noted that Census personnel would be in the Township building from 10 AM – 1 PM daily beginning on March 19th through April 19th to answer residents' questions about the Census.

Chair Pogonowski spoke to residents about mail boxes which may have been damaged by snow-plowing personnel during recent storms. He noted that the Township is not responsible for damage since mail boxes should be installed according to requirements that they must be outside the street plowing areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cedar Lane resident John Rasiej thanked the Public Works Employees for outstanding roadway clearing in recent blizzards and urged private snow plowing contractors to remove all snow from roadways if they were hired to clear snow from private properties. They should also refrain from plowing snow onto opposite sides of the road from driveways which is prohibited by Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING: T-Mobile – Grange site Conditional Use Hearing: Chair Pogonowski called the Hearing to order and directed Solicitor Piette to proceed. All proceedings will be documented as recorded by a Court Reporter. Chair Pogonowski directed Solicitor Piette to draft a Conditional Use decision for approval by the Board of Supervisors at its' meeting scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Piette reviewed a proposed Ordinance, On-Lot Sewage Systems. On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd and approved by all members present, Ms. Piette was authorized to advertise the Ordinance for consideration of approval on March 15, 2010.

Solicitor Piette announced that the Orleans at Wrightstown, LP (Matthews Ridge) Letter of Credit funds in the amount of \$479,373.98 have been deposited in the General Fund Account by Wachovia Bank.

Solicitor Piette announced that the Monk-Guest Conditional Use documents have been executed by the Board of Supervisors following earlier approval.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Member Magne commented on the ongoing process that will lead to the anticipated sale of the buildings on Chippewa Farm. A draft ordinance to change the zoning classification based upon the three Requests for Proposals received for the possible uses of the buildings has been circulated to the three Township Boards of Supervisors and Planning commissions that make up the Jointure. Member Lloyd noted the driving force behind the sale at this time is preservation of the buildings. Chair Pogonowski stated the following objectives/concerns of the Board with respect to a sale:

1. there will be no financial drain to the Township
2. while there is a hope to make a profit, that the project does not cost more than sale
3. that stormwater management issues and a roadway need to be addressed, and
4. a property wide waste disposal system might be required.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Pantano reported on a Chapter 94 Report Proposal dated February 4, 2010 which includes a Scope of Services and the Preparation of PA DEP Chapter 94 Report at a cost of \$2,600. Orleans/Matthew's Ridge Development known also as the Datesman Tract would be responsible for payments.

On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd and approved by all members present, the proposal was approved. Acceptance for PUE to proceed with the services will be signed by Township Manager and returned.

Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2010 – 2012 was approved on motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd with all members voting in favor. Cost of the Township annual commitment will be \$429.90.

Manager Pantano reported on the pension audit for years 2007 and 2008. The audit was conducted during January, 2010. The audit was clean with no adverse findings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS; No matters at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: No matters at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cedar Lane resident John Rasiej dialogued with the Board about certain conditions within the On-Lot Sewage Systems Ordinance as proposed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:58 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano
Secretary