

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION AUGUST 23, 2010

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, August 23, 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 5 P.M. Members present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Solicitor Terry Clemons and Township Manager Joseph F. Pantano. Newtown Township Supervisor Jerry Schenkman and Planning Commission member Jay Sensibaugh were present from Newtown Township. Pennsylvania Representative Scott Petri also attended.

**BUSINESS:**

**ROUTE 413/STOOPVILLE ROAD PROJECT**

Eric M. Kaufman, P.E., representing Gilmore & Associates, Inc., displayed a revised proposal showing widening of Route 413 on the east side only. The west side of Route 413 would remain unchanged. Concept Plans dated July 29, 2010 had been received at an earlier meeting for discussion purposes.

Following a question and answer period between Board members and Mr. Kaufman relating to turning lane and taper lengths, impact on private property, impact on school district and church properties, frontage acquisition and traffic signal considerations, Mr. Kaufman was requested to ask PaDOT for an "exception" which would reduce the proposed 350 ft. turning lane on the west side of Route 413.

Member Lloyd asked if consideration might be given by PaDOT to a 10-year projection of traffic rather than PaDOT's 20-year traffic projection. Mr. Kaufman replied that the 350 ft. turning lane would still be a PaDOT requirement for improvements, but he would investigate.

Chair Pogonowski stated that a recommendation for action on the proposed plan would be an agenda item at the scheduled meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010.

Privilege of the Floor: The Pastor of the Orthodox Church, located at the intersections of Stoopville Road and Route 413, asked about the purpose of widening the road since there are presently three lanes of travel. (There are actually only two travel lanes and one shoulder.) He inquired as to how the Church property would be affected and noted that the Church plans to alter their sign and might delay on the matter if the road improvements would affect the property. The Church trustees are concerned about stormwater accumulation along Route 413. Mr. Kaufman stated that drainage would be considered as a part of the plan.

Richard Lion, 459 Durham Road resident, spoke about vehicle back-ups which occur presently while waiting to make a left turn onto Stoopville Road.

Le Sheppard, 457 Durham Road resident, defended area residents who object to consideration of a traffic signal which could cause air pollution and the presumed incidence of rear-end collisions. He referred to a 2007-2010 accident report from the Newtown Township Police Department.

Ruth Brown, 4 Stoopville Road resident, urged consideration of residents who live closest to the intersection and plantings along the roadway of properties.

Larry Mayer, 22 Stoopville Road resident, suggested diverting Stoopville Road to the area behind Rosefield and on through the Toll property, exiting onto Route 413. Chair Pogonowski stated Open Space in both Rosefield and Toll Brothers, Inc. properties is protected through agreements.

Debbie Mayer, 22 Stoopville Road resident, suggested requesting a speed reduction to 35 MPH so that drivers would not attempt to “beat the light” at the intersection of Route 413, Worthington Mill Road and Wrightstown Road. Chair Pogonowski stated that PaDOT would probably not agree.

Michael Hoy, 1048 Worthington Mill Road resident, questioned PaDOT’s assumed growth rate, noting that automobile traffic will probably not increase as projected.

Board member, Jane Magne, said that DVRPC projections have historically been too high.

Chair Pogonowski asked Mr. Kaufman to inquire of PaDOT about traffic figures from the past 10 years. He suggested using Township growth and the realization that through-traffic is significant as drivers use the Newtown Township By-pass and roads to access I-95 as well as the Scudders Fall Bridge.

Revisions suggested will be developed by Mr. Kaufman and presented at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on September 20, 2010 for consideration.

**SECOND STREET PIKE/SWAMP ROAD INTERSECTION: PaDOT PROJECT**  
Lawrence J. Mussio, PE, Project Engineer for Urban Engineers, Inc., introduced Jeffrey Roken to the Supervisors. Mr. Mussio said that identifying flags have been placed on the shoulder of Second Street Pike to indicate curb cuts for the driveway according to the PaDOT permits and invited members of the Township Historic Commission to review. He noted that the post for the traffic signal would be moved as part of the project. He showed members photos and drawings of the proposal. Consideration is being given to detention basins which may be on the Atkinson or Hanson Quarry properties. Chair Pogonowski asked that consideration be given to wetland basins. Buffering will be included on a revised drawing and the Atkinson family will be asked for their input.

Mr. Mussio stated the final design would be completed on or before March, 2011, with construction expected to begin in mid-summer of that year.

Township Engineer Canales will be asked to review the PaDOT permit for the road opening.

**LINGOHOCKEN FIRE COMPANY REQUEST:** Fire Chief Greg Jakubowski and Company Member Steve Kraiss spoke with the Board of Supervisors regarding the Fire Company's proposal to house a piece of to-be-purchased fire apparatus at the Public Works Building.

The Lingohocken Fire Company plans to relocate the present apparatus from the Public Works building to Forrest Grove for optimum protection in that area. Plans being considered are to purchase a small pumper truck, house it at the Public Works building for response by Public Works employees as they do presently on a Monday through Friday agreement.

An addition to the former Township office building would be needed for the truck. Member Magne asked for a cost proposal where Township employees would complete much of the work involved. Township funds would be included in the 2011 Budget or be earmarked in the Special Reserve Fund. Stormwater plans will be investigated by Township Engineer Mario Canales for the site.

Chair Pogonowski also thanked the Fire Company and Mr. Jakubowski for the demonstration which reduced the ISO rating to 6 for Wrightstown Township and to the Public Works employees who responded to fire calls during the summer on behalf of the Fire Company.

**FARMHOUSE AT CHAPMAN CORNER:** In response to a letter dated July 28, 2010 from the farmhouse owner, Scott David Miller, consideration was given to refund sewer assessment payments for time when the property was unoccupied. The Solicitor will prepare a credit of fees from May 22, 2009 through November 30, 2009, less legal fees incurred, and the Township will credit Mr. Miller's account accordingly.

**TRIVELLINI TRACT:** In response to a request from property owner Jeanne Trivellini to delay escrow monies for on-lot sand mound systems until the time a permit application is sought for each lot was considered. Solicitor Clemons will prepare O & M Agreements for approval at the next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2010.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Clemons gave an update relating to well loss claims and pending litigation which had been discussed in an earlier Executive Session.

Following a brief discussion, on motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd and approved by all Members present, an O & M Agreement for repairs to the septic

system at the property known as the estate of Paul Robson, located on Township Line Road, will be signed at the close of this meeting.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Pantano presented a proposal for the purchase of a Dell computer for the Code Department to replace a 6-year old system. The total cost for a complete installation including the software will be \$1,061.97. The item was approved by consensus.

A request has been received from Reid and Cindy Ballard, 777 Swamp Road, to allow overflow parking on the Octagonal School House grounds which is adjacent to their property on September 11, 2010 due to an event they are hosting. On motion of Member Magne, seconded by Member Lloyd and approved by all Members voting, the request will be granted with the understanding that this should not be a repeated request.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Member Magne, the meeting was duly adjourned. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano  
Township Secretary