

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF September 13, 2010**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was called to order at 5:00 PM by Vice Chair Jane B. Magne at the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. In attendance were Member Robert S. Lloyd, Township Solicitor Susan Piette and Township Manager Joseph F. Pantano.

**BUSINESS**

- A. **Approval of Bills.** On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, General Fund bills in the amount of \$34,903.61, Building Loan payments in the amount of \$2753.65, Open Space Loan payment in the amount of \$18,104.94, Highway Capital Reserve in the amount of \$9,014.00, and Open Space Bond Fund in the amount of \$297.46 for a total of \$65,073.66 were approved for payment. On motion of Member Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Transfers in the amount of \$15,000 were approved for payment.
- B. **Agenda.** The agenda for September 20, 2010 was reviewed and discussed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Vice Chair Magne reported that Saturday a very tragic accident took the life of one of Wrightstown's unsung heroes, Lingohocken Fire Company volunteer and past chief Fran Gorski. Following the funeral on Wednesday there will be a procession through Wrightstown to Wrightstown Friends Meeting Cemetery. Residents along the procession route are requested to display flags to pay tribute to our real hometown hero.
- B. Vice Chair Magne announced that the Village Library will be holding its annual Renaissance Faire, rain or shine, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Middletown Grange Fair Grounds.

**STOOPVILLE Road/413**

- (A) **Intersection Improvements.** Eric Kaufman from Gilmore and Associates presented an update on the Stoopville Road/413 intersection improvement project. Mr. Kaufman had met earlier with PennDOT representatives to discuss intersection design options. The most recent configuration where the curvature of 413 is reduced, with much of the widening of the road occurring on the school district property, was not approved by PennDOT. It would

be considered a realignment of 413 and is not within the scope of the project. Additional configurations were discussed at the PennDOT meeting. The plan that PennDOT agreed to was the Alternate 5 Plan where road widening would occur more or less equally on both sides of 413. Ruth Brown, 4 Stoopville Road, addressed the Board about her concerns about the effects on her property, particularly entering and exiting and the impact on her septic tank. Mr. Kaufman responded that this is a concept plan and specific details would be addressed during the design process. Member Lloyd asked what would happen if the Board approved the concept plan and later it was discovered there was some historical impact on the property or the Board felt there was no acceptable option that would address all their concerns. Mr. Kaufman responded this piece of the project would be removed from the overall Stoopville Road project. Mr. Richard Lion of 459 Durham Road asked once the concept plan is approved, how will the residents be kept informed and have input. Mr. Kaufman responded that PennDOT will hold public meetings as the project progresses. Mr. Dave Talton of Wycombe asked if there were other shovel ready projects that could be considered instead of this project. Mr. Kaufman responded that shovel ready projects relate to stimulus money spending and this funding is from earmarked funds. When Mr. Talton also asked what would happen if the project cost more than the grant money, Mr. Kaufman replied that the project would have to be cut back. Mr. Le Sheppard of 457 Durham Road asked for clarification as to whether this was stimulus money or earmarked funds. Mr. Kaufman responded that phase 2 of the project is to be funded with earmarked funds, not stimulus money. Mr. Sheppard provided various comments on the project and his disappointment in the notification process the Township used. He suggested that the Board not proceed with the project and use the funds for trail projects in Newtown and Upper Makefield Townships. Mrs. Brown inquired as to the total of the earmarked funds. The response was \$1,640,000.00. Estimated costs for tree removal and septic system replacement were also discussed. Mrs. Brown asked who would make the final decision on the value of the property that might be taken if it would go to court. Solicitor Piette responded the court would make the decision if it got to that point. John Rasiej of 1091 Cedar Lane expressed his opinion that all the lights in this area along 413 should be timed and coordinated. Vice Chair Magne responded that Wrightstown

and Buckingham Townships have had the timing of the lights on the TIP list for many years. Eunice Darr of 446 Durham Road commented that the answer to the problem is to use the money for flashing lights, signs and reduced speed limit. Le Sheppard stated that the light and the intersection improvements should wait until the school is built at the site. Mrs. Brown commented that the proposed improvements would not address the left hand turn issue off of Stoopville Road on to Rt.413. Mr. Kaufman responded that a traffic signal at the intersection would.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**A. Water Loss Update.** Solicitor Piette reported that in general the water loss issues have calmed down. Loss of water at two properties on Crest Road is still being addressed but no new problems have been reported.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. Act 537 Update.** Manager Pantano reported that he has submittals from 8 firms in response to the Township's request for qualifications. Manager Pantano will provide the Board with copies of the submittals for review. The next step will be to pick 3 or 4 candidates to provide the Township with a detailed project proposal. The Board will then interview the various engineering firms.

**B. Tax Credit.** TP # 53-012-043 is due a tax credit in the amount of \$64.48. The Board agreed to have the refund included on the September 20, 2010 bills list for approval.

**EXECUTIVE ISSUES** None this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT** On motion by Member Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, all voted to adjourn.