

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. Present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne and Member/Treasurer Allen G. Masenheimer. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Susan Piette of Terry W. Clemons and Associates and Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley.

Minutes for the Meetings of December 15 and 22, 2003 were accepted as presented.

Bills dated January 5, 2003, in the amount of \$345,880.01, were approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Masenheimer and seconded by Ms. Magne. All were in favor. Mr. Pogonowski explained that the bills were high due to the purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Bailey Property on Cedar Lane.

Mr. Pogonowski noted that the Board had met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel issues and ongoing litigation.

Mr. Masenheimer mentioned that there would be a luncheon/tea held in honor of Margaret Perry's 90th Birthday at the Wycombe Inn on Sunday, January 18, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Interested parties should contact the Township Office.

REPORTS: Chief Duffy read the Newtown Township Police Report for December 2003. The Chief would present an in-depth end-of-year report at the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS: McKessy Zoning Hearing: Ms. Piette stated that the McKessy Zoning Hearing for a variance to install a garage had been continued to January 14, 2004 by the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board so that the Board could view the subject property.

Pastorek Zoning Hearing: Ms. Piette stated that the Pastorek Zoning Hearing for a Use Variance to operate a commercial entity in a residential zone had also been continued to January 14, 2004 by the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board so that the Board could view that property as well. The Board had asked for a list of possible conditions that the Applicant might be subject to, should a variance be granted.

Mr. Pogonowski was concerned about the size of a proposed pole barn on the property and stormwater management.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Mr. Pogonowski announced that the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board would hear the application of Heath Dumack for a Use Variance to allow an engineering office at 677 Durham Road (the former Hollyleaf Bed and Breakfast), TMP# 53-015-006, a 5.6 acre parcel in the CR-2 (Country Residential/Medium Density) District. The Bed and Breakfast was operating under a Variance granted in 1985. The Applicant was also requesting a variance from the required nine parking spaces, as he felt the existing seven spaces was adequate.

Mr. Masenheimer had no position on the application. Ms. Magne expressed concern over the preservation of the existing façade.

Township Engineer Charles Doherty mentioned that the existing minimum use driveway may be less of an issue, as it would mainly be used by employees accustomed to the poor sight distance.

Mr. Pogonowski noted that the property was fairly isolated from adjoining properties, and that the change in use would have little impact.

Mr. Pogonowski asked Ms. Piette to send a letter to the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board indicating the Board's desire to keep the existing façade intact and the Board's lack of a position on parking. Ms. Bradley noted that the Applicant had requested a continuance and that the Hearing had been rescheduled to January 29, 2004.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS: Ms. Bradley said that the annual membership bill to the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) had come with a request for voluntary contribution to the Legal Defense Fund. The Association was recommending a donation of \$100.00. On a motion by Mr. Masenheimer, seconded by Ms. Magne, a donation of \$300.00 was authorized. All were in favor. Wrightstown Township had reaped the benefits of the Legal Defense Fund in the resent Dolington Land Group Court victory.

There was no public comment at this time.

ROADMASTER/ROAD FOREMAN: Mr. Pogonowski said that he had received a phone call from a resident requesting a Street Light be installed at the intersection of Stoopville Road and Durham Road. Ms. Bradley estimated the monthly maintenance cost to be about \$25.00. Mr. Pogonowski instructed Ms. Bradley to research the feasibility.

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator