

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. Present were Member/Treasurer Allen G. Masenheimer. Vice Chair Jane B. Magne was absent. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Susan Piette, Esquire, of Terry W. Clemons and Associates and Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley.

The Minutes of the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting of January 19, 2004 were accepted as presented.

Bills dated February 2, 2004 in the amount of \$127,537.38, were approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Masenheimer and seconded by Mr. Pogonowski.

REPORTS: Newtown Police Chief Martin Duffy read the 2003 End of Year Report. Captain Norman Moorhead reviewed the January 2004 Report. Officer Paul Deppi read the Truck Safety Report for 2003.

Officer Deppi noted that Truck Violations were not as severe as they were a year ago. Word was getting out that Wrightstown enforces their codes. Newtown trained four officers for the Truck Enforcement Team and was hoping to add more. He also said that Newtown hosted a class for detecting illegal fuel use and counterfeit fuel tax stickers. Officer Deppi noted that there were at least four large scale truck details scheduled for the upcoming year.

Mr. Pogonowski said that at the last Board meeting, a resident had brought a box of parts that had fallen off trucks into the road. Officer Deppi said that some trucks were not properly maintained, although they were required by State Vehicle Code to perform a pre- and post-trip inspection of their equipment. He instructed them to call the Newtown Police Department when they find parts. He could possibly trace the parts back to the trucks.

Mr. Tim Ireland of Swamp Road asked if there were accident statistics for Swamp Road. Chief Duffy noted that there were no fatal accidents in 2003. Mr. Pogonowski said that between 25% and 40% of the accidents in Wrightstown Township were on Swamp Road, mainly during the winter months.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Mr. Pogonowski said that due to time constraints, Mr. Joseph Colombo had submitted a letter of resignation from the Wrightstown Planning Commission. Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to accept the resignation with regret. All were in favor.

Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to appoint Alternate Planning Commission Member Ann Mark to the vacancy left by Mr. Colombo. All were in favor.

**ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: Comcast Cablevision:** Ms. Bradley stated that Comcast had been issued a letter for violation of the Franchise Agreement for failure to provide an adequate emergency alert system. Comcast had agreed to provide a new Federal Alert System designed to crawl across all channels, identical to the system provided to Upper Makefield Township.

Comcast would: install the new system on two computers that will crawl on ALL channels; provide all software, hardware and training for all appropriate employees for the two systems; allow the system to be tested twice a year between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The violation notice would not be rescinded until the Township was fully satisfied that the system was fully operational as promised.

Ms. Bradley said that Comcast would be instituting a Standard Service price increase effective March 1, 2003, along with some channel changes. Notices would go out to subscribers in their next Comcast bill.

**Uniform Construction Code:** Ms. Bradley stated that the State mandated guidelines for the new Uniform Construction Code required that the Township "opt in or out" between April 9 and July 8, 2004. The Township already contracted with a third party company that was fully certified to inspect under the new guidelines. The Township would, however, be required to enact new ordinances adopting the 2003 Codes, hopefully in early March. Township employees would also undergo additional certification training.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Tim Ireland of Swamp Road had received notice of a subdivision planned near his property (Loeffler/Prime Properties Minor Subdivision). He expressed concerns about water runoff from the property onto adjoining properties. He would like to see some type of water detention

facility developed on the property. Mr. Pogonowski pointed out that the Subdivision Plan would be discussed at the February 12, 2004 Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Ireland also thanked the Board of Supervisors for their efforts in trying to make Swamp Road safe. Ms. Bradley said that a letter was sent to Secretary of Transportation Alan Biehler on the safety issues and that the Township had not received a response to date.

ROADMASTER/ROAD FOREMAN: Ms. Bradley announced that parking on public streets was restricted by ordinance during snow/ice events. The Ordinance also prohibited residents or contractors from throwing snow or ice onto plowed roads. Violators would be fined.

Mr. Pogonowski added that the total cost to date for winter road maintenance this year was \$41,389.00. This included man hours, overtime, salt, and stone.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wrightstown Elementary School Land**

**Development Plan:** Ms. Piette said that Plans were still being reviewed by the Township Engineer. A draft resolution had been presented to the Board for their review. The plan would be discussed again at the February 16 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Letters of Extension: Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve a Letter of Extension to Robert Thomas Homes, LLC Minor Subdivision to April 30, 2004. All were in favor.

There being no further comment or business, Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley