

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 2, 2005**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Chester S. Pogonowski. In attendance were Vice-Chair Jane B. Magne, Member/Treasurer Allen G. Masenheimer, Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Susan Piette of Terry Clemons Associates.

The Minutes of the Meetings of April 4, 11, and April 25, 2005, were accepted as presented.

Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve Bills dated May 2, 2005 in the amount of \$152,721.42. All were in favor. Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve Escrow Bills dated May 2, 2005, in the amount of \$12,841.35. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Magne announced that the Board of Supervisors had met in Executive Session on April 6 and 8, 2005 to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Pogonowski reported that before this meeting the Board had met with Mr. Sidney Bailey at his property on Cedar Lane to erect a sign on his conserved land.

Mr. Pogonowski stated that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) had begun the regional traffic study recently authorized by the Regional Traffic Task Force. Counters had been installed on roads throughout the region, including Route 413

REPORTS: Captain Norman Moorhead of the Newtown Police Department presented the Wrightstown Police Report for April 2005.

Additional Reports submitted included: Code Enforcement Report for April 2005; Road Department Report for March and April 2005; District Justice Report for March 2005 with fines in the amount of \$530.33.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS: Hanson Aggregates Land Use Appeal:

Ms. Piette said that Hanson Aggregates had appealed the recent Land Use decision (Resolution #2005-964) made by the Board of Supervisors for an addition to an existing maintenance shop at their Penns Park Quarry, citing that there were issues addressed in the decision that were unrelated to the subject property.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Fire Police Appointment: Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the appointment of John Myers as Fire Police Officer of Wrightstown Township under the jurisdiction of the Linghocken Fire Company. All were in favor.

On-Lot Sewage System Operation and Maintenance Program: *Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, approve Resolution #2005-965, establishing an On-Lot Sewage System Operation and Maintenance Program. All were in favor.*

This resolution set forth procedures and requirements of documentation for operation and maintenance of septic systems. It established escrow amounts and ensured that operation and maintenance information would be transferred from owner to owner.

Ballot Referendum: Mr. Pogonowski announced that a referendum question would be on the primary ballot on May 17, 2005. The question would ask residents if they were in favor of Small Games of Chance in Wrightstown Township.

Rail Transit: Mr. Pogonowski announced that a recent article promoting rail transport of stone from local quarries throughout the region presented issues of which residents should be aware. Should the proposal that Residents for Regional Traffic Solutions (RRTS) was promoting become a reality, Rushland would become a rail yard instead of a neighborhood studded with farmland.

Ms. Magne noted that the recent Traffic Study scope of work did not include reviewing rail transportation, as the quarries did not feel it was economically feasible at this time, nor would it impact the amount of local quarry truck traffic. Mr. Masenheimer had posted a recent Bucks County Courier Times article at the Wycombe Post Office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Solar Panel Installation Bid: Ms. Bradley requested authorization to go out for bid for the installation of solar panels at the Anchor Run Farm. Mr. John Fowler of the Environmental Advisory Council spoke on the project which would be fully funded through two grant sources. *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to advertise for bids for installation of Solar Panels on the Anchor Run Farm. All were in favor.*

Road Department Vacancy: Ms. Bradley announced that there was a vacancy in the Road Department for a member of the Road Crew. The position required a valid Class A or B License with air brake endorsement. Applications would be accepted at the Township Office until Friday, May 6, 2005.

Verizon Franchise Agreement: Ms. Bradley said that Verizon had approached Wrightstown Township with an interest in entering into a franchise agreement to provide services similar to those provided by Comcast. The Bucks County Consortium, of which Wrightstown Township is a member, had recently investigated hiring a consultant to negotiate a boilerplate agreement on behalf of the membership. Ms.

Bradley said that the cost for participation would be on a per-capita basis, and would only cost the Township a few hundred dollars.

Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize participation in the Consortium negotiations. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: Sprint Conditional Use: The Sprint Spectrum PCS Conditional Use Hearing was continued at the request of the Applicant until May 16, 2005.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mrs. Delores Niver formerly of Wrightstown Township said that she was requesting the return of a \$300.00 septic escrow payment she had made for a holding tank in 1971. Mr. Pogonowski suggested that Mrs. Niver speak with Mr. Clemons after the meeting.

Mr. John Fowler of Wrightstown Road was encouraged by a proposed Verizon franchise agreement and welcomed the competition with Comcast.

Mrs. Ruth Brown of Stoopville Road asked for a Toll/Hibbs update. Ms. Bradley said that there had not been a revised Planning Module submitted to the Township, although the DEP deadline for the planning module was May 20, 2005.

Mrs. Maureen Skelly of Ridge Avenue spoke about septic and drainage problems throughout her neighborhood. Mrs. Skelly asked the Board for assistance in finding solutions to address failing septic systems.

Mr. Pogonowski said that septic issues were handled on a case-by-case basis. Public sewer systems would entail exorbitant costs to the Township, as well as to each individual homeowner who would be required to connect into the system.

Mr. Masenheimer added that the reason the Township instituted the septic maintenance program was in an attempt to get residents to maintain their systems for the health of all residents. Ms. Magne added that new residents are given information on maintaining septic systems and conserving water.

ROADMASTER/ROAD FOREMAN: Purchase of Lawn Mower: Ms. Bradley said that two quotes had been received for a new state contract lawn mower: \$9,553.68 for a John Deere mower; \$8,390.90 for an ExMark mower. The Roads Foreman preferred the John Deere, as it was reputed to be easier to maintain and service. Mr. Masenheimer preferred the ExMark, as the current mower was also an ExMark and was working well.

Mr. David Dutko of Worthington Mill Road asked why a new mower was being considered if the old mower was still working well. Mr.

Masenheimer said that the six year old mower would go to the Anchor Run Farm for use there, as the current equipment was in poor condition. The new mower would be used throughout the rest of the Township.

Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize the purchase of a John Deere mower for \$9,553.68 under state contract. The motion carried two (2) to one (1), with Mr. Masenheimer opposed.

NEW BUSINESS: Gorski Minor Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan:

Appearing for the Applicant were: Mr. Greg Gamble, Esquire and Mr. Richard Danese, Esquire of Stuckert and Yates; Mr. James Ceglia, PE of Site Works; and Mr. Steve Gorski, Mr. Paul Gorski and Mr. Fran Gorski, owners.

The Applicant proposed to divide two (2) parcels totaling 14.6 acres located at Cedar Lane and Penns Park Road in the Conservation Management (CM) Zoning District into four (4) building lots consisting of between 3.3 and 3.8 acres each.

Mr. Pogonowski noted that the original parcels were covered under a Better Materials Well Protection Agreement.

The Board reviewed the Pickering, Corts and Summerson, Inc. letter of March 28, 2005 and the Boucher and James, Inc. letters of January 24, and May 2, 2005

Issues discussed included repairs to existing swales, planting of buffer trees, curbing and sidewalks, common driveways, and septic systems.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Mitchell of Cedar Lane asked that the buffer trees be planted back from the street so as not to create site distance problems.

Mr. Pogonowski asked that Ms. Piette draft a resolution for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Letters of Extension: Toll/Hibbs 34 Lot Plan: Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the following Letters of Extension: Toll/Hibbs 34 Lot Preliminary Plan Waiver of Review Time Limits. All were in favor.

Mr. Mitchell asked what the Township policy was for notifying residents of subdivision and land development issues. Mr. Pogonowski said that there was no requirement for notification in connection with subdivisions and land development. The Township, however, participated in a voluntary notification program for residents within

five hundred (500) feet. Conditional Use and Zoning Hearings did have a notification requirement.

There being no further comment or question, Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator

Res. 2005-965