

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 6, 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 and Associates.

The Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of May 16, 2005 were accepted as presented. The Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of May 23, 2005, were accepted as presented.

Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve Bills dated June 6, 2005 in the amount of \$169,461.66. All were in favor. Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve Escrow Bills dated June 6, 2005 in the amount of \$10,021.32. All were in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Magne announced that the Sprint Spectrum PCS Conditional Use Hearing had been continued to June 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Village Library.

Ms. Magne also announced that the Board of Supervisors had met this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation.

**REPORTS:** Chief Duffy of the Newtown Police Department submitted the Police Report for May 2005. Mr. Pogonowski noted that there were fewer accidents on Swamp Road reported this month. Chief Duffy explained that most of the accidents on Swamp Road were a result of poor weather conditions.

Other reports submitted included: Code Enforcement Report for May 2005; Road Department Report for May 2005; and the Linghocken Fire Company Report for May 2005.

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Sale of Property at 780 Penns Park Road:**

Ms. Bradley said that the Façade Easement Agreement for the property at 780 Penns Park Road had been prepared and was ready for execution by the Board of Supervisors. The easement stated that the original portion of the building could not be changed without prior approval of the Board of Supervisors. The easement would be recorded prior to settlement, which was scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2005. *Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the Facade Easement for 780 Penns Park Road. All were in favor.*

Ms. Bradley also noted that authorization needed to be given to conduct settlement on the property. *Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorized Ms. Bradley and one of the three Board Members to attend settlement on June 10, 2005. All were in favor.*

Mrs. Schimek of Thompson Mill Road expressed her belief that it was a shame to lose the open space on the property. Mr. Pogonowski said that the property was originally purchased as a future extension to the current Township facility.

**ACRE Initiative Legislation:** Mr. Pogonowski spoke about legislation before the State Legislature, known as the ACRE Initiative, which would create an Agriculture Review Board that would adjudicate over agriculture issues. The legislation in its current form removes the authority of local officials elected by citizens. It removes due process and zoning enforcement as well and sets a dangerous precedent. *Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to instruct Ms. Bradley to draft a letter to local state legislators asking them to oppose the ACRE Initiative in its current form. All were in favor.*

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Summer Program Staff:** Ms. Bradley recommended hiring staff members for positions in the Summer Playground Program. *Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, and members voting unanimously to approve the hiring of the following personnel: Mary Beth McKenna as Camp Supervisor at a rate of \$1,000.00; Miranda Leiggi as Experienced Aide at a rate of \$360.00; and Alyssa Affigato as New Aide at a rate of \$300.00 for the Summer Playground Program scheduled from July 11 through July 28, 2005. All were in favor.*

**Simonds/Warner Meadows Revision:** Ms. Bradley noted that Final Record Plans for the Simonds/Warner Meadows Subdivision were ready for execution. *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve the signing of Final Record Plans. All were in favor.*

**Solar Panel Installation Bids:** Ms. Bradley stated that the Township had received one bid for installation of solar panels at the Anchor Run Farm. Mr. Pogonowski read the bid from MESA Environmental, Inc. for a total of \$43,280.00 fully installed. The bid package included the required check for 10% of the bid.

Mr. Pogonowski asked Ms. Bradley how many companies were advised of this bid. Ms. Bradley noted that the grant required that the successful bidder be an approved contractor. All companies on the approved list, approximately twelve (12) were notified directly. Ms. Magne noted that the project would be constructed entirely with grant funding. Ms. Bradley recommended that the bid award be tabled pending legal review of all documents.

**Library Renovations:** Ms. Bradley stated that at a recent Work Session, the Board had authorized a Request for Bids for the Renovation of the Village Library and Community Room. A Pre Bid Meeting would be held on June 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Bids were due by 2:00 p.m. June 29, 2005 in the Township Office. Any questions should be forwarded to George Donovan & Associates, architects.

**Foster Septic Agreement:** Ms. Bradley said that a signed Operations and Maintenance Agreement and escrow money had been received for a repair system on the Foster property. *Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to approve the Foster Septic Operations and Maintenance Agreement. All were in favor.*

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane complained about the lack of quality of life living with the quarries. Blasting was more powerful than usual, noise levels had increased and crushers very operated early in the morning.

Mrs. Janice Schimek of Thompson Mill Road noted that septic issues at Anchor Estates were a health problem and that the Township should assist residents financially to solve some of the problems that exist in the development. Mrs. Schimek complained that residents on the east side of Route 413 get less than equal treatment in comparison to other residents.

Mr. Pogonowski noted that all residents get equal treatment. If Ms. Schimek would contact the Township Office when she had a problem instead of waiting two (2) weeks for a Board meeting, her problems would be handled in a timelier manner.

Ms. Schimek also complained of a utility cut on Thompson Mill Road that had not been filled by PECO. Township Engineer, Mario Canales, stated that PECO was not in compliance with required

timetables for correcting the problem. Ms. Bradley was instructed to contact PECO and have the situation rectified, or to attach their Bond.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Toll/Varga Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan:** Appearing for the Applicant were: Mr. Edward Murphy, Esquire; Mr. Michael Palmer and Mr. Bruce Roth representing Toll Brothers, Inc. Mr. Murphy reviewed the latest letter from Pickering, Corts and Summerson, Inc. Most points were agreed upon with a few exceptions.

Outstanding issues included the traffic light proposed for Wrightstown Road and Route 413 as part of the Hibbs project: the Board wanted the light installed prior to occupancy of any house in either the Varga or the Hibbs Development. Mr. Palmer was unwilling to install the system in conjunction with the Varga project because monies and engineering for the light was developed for the Hibbs Tract Mr. Murphy also questioned the distribution of impervious surface on each lot.

Mr. Pogonowski recommended that Toll Representatives meet with Mr. Clemons to discuss impervious surface and traffic light issues.

**NEW BUSINESS: Letters Of Extension:** The following Waivers of Plan Review Time Limits were unanimously granted on a motion by Mr. Masenheimer, seconded by Ms. Magne: Cino Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plan and Anchor Nursery Preliminary Plan.

Mr. David Dutko of Worthington Mill Road said that all residents should take care of their own septic repairs on their properties. Government should not get involved. There were small interest loans and maybe some grants available from the federal government.

Mr. John Rasiej noted that Council Rock School District had passed their budget with a 1.14 mil increase.

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley  
Township Administrator

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