

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2005**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Chair 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 Board of Supervisors Meeting of June 6, 2005 were accepted as presented. The Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of June 13, 2005 were accepted as presented.

Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve Bills dated June 20, 2005 in the amount of \$122,718.40. 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 of the Village Library.

Ms. Magne said that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) had issued new regulations requiring that effective June 24, 2005, all commuter, long-distance passenger, and freight trains would be required to sound their horn for 15 to 20 seconds prior to arriving at a railroad crossing. Additional information was available at the Township Office.

Ms. Magne announced that the Board of Supervisors Meeting of July 4, 2005 would be cancelled in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The next meeting would be held on Monday, July 18, 2005.

Ms. Bradley said that the Summer Program for children entering kindergarten through sixth grades in September, would begin the week of July 11 through July 28, 2005, Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the FOP. Fairgrounds on Mill Creek Road. Applications were available at the Library and Township Office.

REPORTS: Mr. Pogonowski noted that the District Justice Report for May 2005 indicated fines of \$1,696.47.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS: Personnel: *Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve the hiring of Mr. David James to the position of Regular Full Time Road Crew Laborer in the Road Department at a starting salary of \$18.00 per hour, \$37,440.00 per year with full benefits. All were in favor.*

Mr. James is a resident of Wrightstown and a member of the Lingohocken Fire Company who had plowed snow for the Township in the past. He possessed a Class B Commercial Driver's License with an air brake endorsement. Mr. James would begin work on Monday, June 27, 2005.

Regional Traffic Task Force: Ms. Magne announced that a meeting of the Regional Traffic Task Force would be held June 23, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Newtown Township meeting room. The topic of moving stone from the quarries by rail would be discussed. Ms. Magne urged all residents to attend. Mr. Pogonowski explained the disadvantages of rail traffic to this area and also urged residents to attend this meeting.

Wycombe Train Station: Mr. Masenheimer mentioned that there would be a benefit to raise money for the Wycombe Train Station renovation project. Ms. Magne said that the money would be in addition to the five (5) grants received. Interested parties could contact Mr. Jeff Price or Ms. Muriel Gordon. Proceeds from the evening would go to landscaping at the train station.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTS: Solar Installation Bids: Ms. Bradley recommended that the Board award the Solar Panel Installation contract for the Anchor Run farm to Mesa Environmental of Malvern, PA in the amount of \$43,280.00. All documents had been reviewed by legal counsel and the Environmental Advisory Council. *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to award the Solar Installation contract to Mesa Environmental for \$43,280.00. All were in favor.* Ms. Magne noted that two grants would cover the costs of the installation.

Verizon Franchise Agreement: Ms. Bradley requested authorization to advertise an ordinance for the participation in an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Township to join in joint negotiations for a franchise agreement with Verizon to provide cable service to the Township. *Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to authorize advertisement. All were in favor.*

Ms. Bradley also requested authorization to advertise an ordinance requiring fees for use of the Township Rights-of-Way. *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to authorize advertisement. All were in favor.*

Simonds/Warner Meadows: Ms. Bradley said that revised plans for the Simonds/Warner Meadows Subdivision required execution by the board. The plans were rejected by the Recorder of Deeds because they were too large in size.

Library Renovation Project: Ms. Bradley noted that Library Renovation Bids were due in the Township Office by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2005. Information could be obtained from George Donovan, architects.

Gorski Planning Module: Ms. Bradley said that the Operations & Maintenance Agreement for the Gorski Subdivision has been received and was ready for execution by the board. *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve the Gorski Planning Module. All were in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING: Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendment: *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Masenheimer, to approve Ordinance #232: the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendment. All were in favor.* The amendment made appropriate revisions to allow for the recently passed Stormwater Management Ordinances, along with other minor housekeeping revisions. Ms. Bradley noted that the new ordinance did not make changes related to the Codification Ordinance, as the Codification was not ready. An additional ordinance would have to be passed for Codification.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mrs. Janice Schimek of Thompson Mill Road commented on the work done on Thompson Mill Road and thanked the Board for a quick resolution. She also noted that the driveways on two new homes on Thompson Mill Road had missing drains to collect runoff water. Ms. Bradley said she that she had sent out the Township Code Enforcer, Ted Middleman, to check for the drains and he said that they were fully operational.

Ms. Schimek also said that a comment she had made at the last meeting about the expense of the septic systems in Anchor Run

Estates was misunderstood. She just wanted to see if any grants were available for these residents and that the Board should help residents find grant opportunities. Mr. Pogonowski said that unfortunately there were no grants available at this time. Pennvest provided 2% low interest loans for this particular problem.

ROADMASTER/ROAD FOREMAN: Mr. Pogonowski requested that the Board review correspondence from Pickering, Cortis and Summerson, Inc. regarding Cherry Lane drainage for discussion at a Work Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Toll/Varga: Representatives for the Applicant were absent from the meeting. Discussion centered on the proposed traffic light at Wrightstown Road and Route 413 and the impervious surface for each lot. Ms. Bradley said that a Waiver of Plan Review Time was in place. Further discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Loeffler Subdivision: Appearing for the Applicant were Mr. George Kiriakidi of Prime Properties and Mr. Nick Rose of Pro Tract Engineering. The Applicant was proposing to create four (4) building lots from a 15.33 acre parcel located on Second Street Pike near Swamp Road, with an open space parcel adjacent to Chippewa Farm.

Discussion focused on: a common driveway to service the four lots; frontage improvements required by PADOT; site distance of the driveway; drainage; potential A/B septic systems; an out parcel owned by Hanson Aggregates that could be purchased by the developer.

Ms. Piette would draft a resolution for review at an upcoming meeting. The Board would consider a letter required for a PADOT Highway Occupancy Permit at that time.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Pogonowski said that a letter from PADOT regarding the Swamp Road corridor improvements had been received. Ms. Bradley was instructed to respond to the letter that the Township was interested in participating in any discussion related to Swamp Road. Ms. Bradley added that the letter was forwarded to the Historic Commission as well as to the Perry Family.

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Masenheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator

Ord. #232