

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2005**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. In attendance were Vice-Chair Jane B. Magne, Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Susan Piette of Terry Clemons and Associates. Member/Treasurer Allen G. Masenheimer was absent.

The Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of August 1, 8, 22, 29 and September 12, 2005 were accepted as presented.

*Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to approve Bills dated between August 17, 2005 and September 19, 2005 in the amount of \$148,876.13. All were in favor. Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to approve Escrow Bills dated September 19, 2005 in the amount of \$16,873.79. All were in favor.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Magne announced that due to time constraints, the Board of Supervisors had taken action on the following: passage of Resolution #2005-978 on August 29, 2005, amending the Varga Subdivision and Resolution #2005-977 to allow changes to roadway improvements required by PADOT; approval and execution on September 12, 2005, of contract documents for Twining Construction for \$39,082.00 for the Village Library Renovations.

Ms. Magne also announced several changes in Comcast scheduling.

Ms. Magne stated that Wrightstown Township would be accepting monetary donations as part of the "CR Cares" program to be forwarded to Hurricane Katrina victims. Lingohocken Fire Company was sending a 1978 tanker truck and other replacement equipment to Waveland, Mississippi to assist that department in replenishing their equipment.

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

Other reports submitted included: Code Enforcement Report for August 2005; Road Department Report for August 2005; Lingohocken Fire Company Report for July and August 2005; District Justice Report for July 2005, with fines of \$1,401.58 and August 2005, with fines of \$1,791.66.

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: LUCERNE Zoning Hearing Application:** Mr. Pogonowski announced that the Wrightstown Zoning Hearing Board would meet on Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Library to hear the application of John and Amy Lucerne for a variance from maximum impervious surface requirements and from maximum disturbance of steep slopes to construct a swimming pool on their property at 305 Ridge Avenue in Wrightstown. Interested parties were invited to attend.

Ms. Magne raised concerns over the existing and proposed percentage of impervious surface and the effects of stormwater runoff onto adjacent properties. *Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to send the Township Solicitor to the Hearing to oppose the application unless the Applicant agreed to install Best Management Practices (BMP's) on the property to handle additional runoff from impervious surfaces.*

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane asked the Board not to compromise zoning laws to allow the variance. He feared that the BMP's would not be maintained and steep slopes should not be disturbed. Mr. Pogonowski noted that the Applicant had extenuating medical circumstances. Ms. Magne added that the proposed retaining wall would help protect steep slopes.

*Mr. Pogonowski called for the vote and all were in favor.*

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: 2006 Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligations:** Ms. Bradley said that State Law required the budgeting of funds to protect the soundness of municipal pension plans. The 2006 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan required no financial contribution from the Township. The 2006 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Wrightstown Township Non-Uniform Pension Plan required a contribution of \$14,718.84, which would be offset by member contributions and State aid.

**IRS Mileage Allowance:** Ms. Bradley stated that due to rising gasoline costs, the IRS had raised the reimbursement rate for September 1 through December 31, 2005 from \$0.405 to \$0.485 per mile. *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, approving Resolution #2005-979, the IRS Mileage Rate Change from \$0.405 to \$0.485 per mile. All were in favor.*

**Deacon Popper Record Plans; ARCCA-Penns Park Associates Record Plans:** *Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to*

*execute the revised Deacon/Popper Subdivision Record Plans and the ARCCA/Penns Park Associates Record Plans. All were in favor.*

**Village Library Renovation Project:** Ms. Bradley announced that the Village Library would be closed from September 20 through September 26, 2005 due to renovations to make the building more compliant with ADA requirements.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. John Rasiej thanked Township staff for helping replace a missing school zone sign. He also suggested to the Board that street lights at intersections for new subdivisions were not needed and were a form of light pollution. Mr. Pogonowski said that the Township was working on an outdoor lighting ordinance that would address all types of outdoor lighting including street lights and residential lighting. Lights at subdivision entry ways were needed for safety.

Mr. Rasiej questioned the façade of 780 Penns Park Road, as the stucco did not appear to be historic. Ms. Magne said that plans for the building had been discussed at a recent public work session and that stucco was architecturally and historically appropriate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Johnson/Vanni Major Subdivision**

**Preliminary Plan:** Appearing for the Applicant was Mr. Richard Johnson, Esquire, owner/developer. The Applicant agreed to comply with all comments in the Engineer and Planner's letters. Remaining outstanding items that would be deferred to Final Plan Approval included: development and street name; snow easement areas; monetary amounts for fees in lieu of frontage improvements; maintenance escrow amounts for detention basins and fire ponds.

Ms. Piette was instructed to revise a draft resolution for the next meeting. **NEW BUSINESS: ESCROW RELEASES:** Heritage Warner Meadows: On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, it was unanimously agreed to release Escrow Release #1 for Heritage Building Group/Warner Meadows Subdivision in the amount of \$78,614.00, leaving \$1,027,924.79 remaining. Reshetar/Park Hill: Mr. Pogonowski asked if the proposed Reshetar/Park Hill Release included funds related to the drainage system installed under Park Avenue. Township Engineer

Mario Canales indicated that no funds were being released in connection with that part of the project, as the installation required additional grading changes. On motion of Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Ms. Magne, it was unanimously agreed to release Escrow Release #4 for the Reshetar/Park Hill Subdivision in the amount of \$43,320.00, leaving \$239,330.75 remaining.

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Pogonowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley  
Township Administrator

Res. #2005-979