

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2006**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, December 18, 2006 in the Meeting Room of the Village Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne and Member/Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd. Also in attendance were Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley and Township Solicitor Susan Piette.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on December 4 and 11, 2006 were accepted as presented.

On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all present, Bills dated December 18, 2006 in the amount of \$92,254.80 were approved for payment. On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all present, Escrow Bills dated December 18, 2006 in the amount of \$18,598.65 were approved for payment. On motion of Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all present, Transfers of \$60,000.00 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Magne announced an Executive Meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 to discuss personnel matters.

REPORTS: Mr. Pogonowski accepted the following Reports for November 2006: the Road Department Report; the Lingohocken Fire Company Report; the Township Engineer's Report; the District Justice Report with fines of \$779.54.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS: Jointure Agreement Amendment: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Resolution 2006-77, an amendment to the Newtown Area Joint Municipal Zoning Council Agreement was enacted to extend the term of Jointure Solicitor from one year to two years, effective immediately.*

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS: Mr. Lloyd encouraged residents to support the Lingohocken Fire Company Annual Fund Drive as well as solicitations from the Central Bucks Ambulance Squad and the Newtown Ambulance Squad who serve residents of the Township.

Mrs. Maryanne Skerdlant of Mill Creek Road asked if residents needed to request Central Bucks to respond when calling 9-1-1 emergency services. Mr. Pogonowski stated that Bucks County

Emergency Radio Room dispatched the closest available unit at the time of the call.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Capital Project Loan: Ms. Bradley requested approval to apply for a Local Government Capital Project Loan of \$100,000.00 to aid in paying the costs of relocating the Public Works Department to the new offices at Chippewa Farm. She noted that the loan would be available at a rate of 2% interest and that making application did not obligate the Township to incur the debt. *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Resolution No. 2006-073, application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Local Government Capital Project Loan Program was authorized.*

2007 Final Budget: Ms. Bradley briefly reviewed the 2007 Final Budget.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Resolution No. 2006-074 was enacted, fixing the Tax Levy Rates for the year 2007 at: 3.05 mils for General Purposes; 0.75 mils for Fire Protection; 1.75 mils for Open Space; 0.87 mils for Building Capital; 0.5 mils for Highway Capital; or a total of 6.92 mils.

Ms. Magne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, to adopt Resolution No 2006-075, setting expenditures for 2007 at \$2,380,672.00.

Mr. John Rasiej of Cedar Lane asked about reserve balances to be carried over to the next year. Mr. Pogonowski noted that reserve funds were usually used to avoid increasing taxes and the amount of reserve fluctuated from year to year.

Resolution 2006-075 was passed unanimously.

Worker's Compensation Insurance: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Keystone Municipal Insurance Trust proposal for Worker's Compensation insurance was accepted at a premium of \$10,162.00 for 2007.*

Worthington/Plappert Septic Planning Modules: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd and approved by all Members present, the Sewage Facilities Planning Modules and Operation*

and Management Agreement for the Worthington/Plappert Minor Subdivision were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2006-13: B-19 Use Creation: Mr. Pogonowski stated that the Public Hearing for consideration of Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance Amendment #2006-13: B-19 Use Creation was opened, having been continued from the meeting held on December 14, 2006.

Mr. Lloyd noted that the B-19 Use was designated for a specific property in Newtown Township only. *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, Ordinance #249 was approved two to one, Mr. Pogonowski opposed. The hearing was then closed.*

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. Mark Alesyck of Cedar Lane presented signs which he had collected along Township roads during the last weekend, stating that the signage amounted to visual pollution. Mr. Pogonowski stated that the Township was working on a strategy to post violation notices on real estate and other signage placed illegally.

Mr. Aleszyk then inquired when repairs would begin on the Cherry Lane Bridge. He encouraged the Board to permit bikers and hikers to use the portion of the bridge area which had not collapsed. Mr. Pogonowski advised him that designs for the new bridge had been completed and that plans were underway for reconstruction some time in early spring. The area was too hazardous to permit any activities and would impact the Township liability.

NEW BUSINESS: Central Bucks Ambulance Squad: Mr. Pogonowski stated that response distances for Central Bucks and Newtown Ambulance had been reviewed, with Central Bucks Ambulance being closest for the majority of the Township.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne and approved by all Members present, Resolution #2006-076 was passed, appointing Central Bucks Ambulance as the first response squad for Wrightstown Township, with Newtown Ambulance to respond to select locations.

Escrow Release: *On motion of Ms. Magne, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, Release #6 for the Reshetar Park Hill Subdivision in the amount of \$39,610.00 was unanimously approved, leaving \$149,820.75 remaining.*

Temporary Appointments: *On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Ms. Magne, Chester Pogonowski was appointed Temporary Chairman of the Board of Supervisors until the Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Pogonowski abstained from voting.*

On motion of Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, with all Members voting approval, Eileen Bradley was appointed Temporary Secretary until the Reorganization Meeting.

Mr. Pogonowski called for public comment.

Mr. Rasiej thanked the Board staff for their dedicated work on behalf of Township residents. Mr. Pogonowski thanked Mr. Rasiej for his recent service on the Council Rock School District Tax Reform Committee.

Mr. Pogonowski briefly reviewed accomplishments during the year and noted that the occupation of the renovated Chippewa Farm offices to be completed in the early months of 2007 as being key to improvement of Township services. He wished fellow Board Members, Staff and residents success and happiness in the New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business or comment, Mr. Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Magne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All were in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator

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