

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2008
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The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Member/Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd and Township Administrator Eileen M. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Leeser and Mr. Edward Repper of Midland Road discussed problems they had with a shared driveway and maintenance on that driveway easement.

Chippewa Land Use: The Board discussed options for use of Chippewa Farm and the location of the Public Works Department. A date for a public meeting to gather additional input would be set for some time in September.

Webcasting: The Board reviewed a proposal to broadcast Regular Meetings on the township website. Ms. Bradley would schedule the vendor at an upcoming Work Session.

Document Imaging Options: The Board reviewed proposals for electronic document imaging and Ms. Bradley would schedule the vendors at an upcoming Work Session.

Website Update: The Board had reviewed a proposed design/upgrade to the current web page and authorized subscription to a number of options requested by the webmaster.

BCATO Amicus Brief: Huntley & Huntley, Inc. v. Borough of Oakmont: Mr. Pogonowski discussed an amicus brief to be filed by BCATO in support of the Borough of Oakmont, PA in the case of Huntley & Huntley, Inc. v. Borough of Oakmont. In this case, the Commonwealth Court's interpretation of the case states that the Oil and Gas Act preempts and supersedes a municipality's right to determine zoning districts in which oil/gas drilling operations can be located.

The BCATO amicus brief would be in support of Oakmont Borough, in that the Commonwealth Court decision is in direct contradiction of the Commonwealth Supreme Court's analysis of provisions of the Non-Coal Act in the case of Miller and Son Paving, Inc. v. Wrightstown Township decided in 1982. It is this aspect of the case on which the amicus will focus, because of the substantial impairment of the authority granted municipalities under the MPC resulting from the commonwealth Court's decision. BCATO maintains that the ultimate decision on

the location of such activities within our municipalities should not be left to chance and should be subject to local needs and good planning. The Board also expressed a concern that if the Commonwealth Court decision is not reversed, the Supreme Court's decision in the Wrightstown case could be seriously eroded.

Financial and Budget Update: The Board reviewed financial information in preparation for presentation at the next Regular Meeting.

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Bradley
Township Administrator