

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MAY 6, 2019**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Meeting Room of the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. Chair Chester S. Pogonowski called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Solicitor Vicki Kushto, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise, Code Enforcement Officer Ted Middleman and Township Manager Joseph Pantano.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of April 1, 2019 and Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting minutes of April 8, 2019 were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following April 15, 2019 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$43,431.07
Cable Access Fund bills	2,355.07
MR Sewer Fund bills	3,464.49
JCE Sewer Fund bills	3,661.04
Open Space Fund bill	465.00
TOTAL	\$53,376.67

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the April 15, 2019 Escrow bills list for \$15,575.77 was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following transfer was approved unanimously.

General Fund to Payroll Fund (4/3)	\$15,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following April 29, 2019 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$94,107.30
Cable Access Fund bills	677.42
TOTAL	\$94,784.72

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following transfer was approved unanimously.

General Fund to Payroll Fund (4/18)	\$20,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following May 6, 2019 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$52,777.31
Building Loan payment	2422.00
Open Space Loan payment	17,178.00
Highway Capital Reserve Loan payment	10,833.00
Cable Access Fund bill	101.69
JCE Sewer Fund bill	40.45
Open Space Fund bill	981.45
TOTAL	\$84,333.90

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following transfer was approved unanimously.

General Fund to Payroll Fund (5/1)	\$20,000.00
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The last day of the Village Library’s Spring Used Book Sale will be Thursday, May 9 from 3 to 9 P.M.
- B. The Village Library will be hosting a performance by Lolly Hopwood on Wednesday, May 8 from 10 to 11 A.M.
- C. The Village Library will present Double Feature Movie Night on Friday, May 10. At 6:00 P.M. “Mary Poppins Returns” and at 8:00 P.M. “Bumblebee: Origin of the Transformers” will be shown.
- D. The Village Library will be hosting “Poor Mouth” in a musical performance on Thursday, May 16 from 7 to 8 P.M.
- E. The Village Library reminds residents that sign up for GSK Science during the summer begins on May 14 at 12 P.M.
- F. There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Eugene Gitmen of Langhorne expressed his concerns that Rushland RC Speedway has been ordered to cease operations. He stated that they have a club and the club is an important part of the community. He is requesting that the Board allow the racetrack to continue operation.
- B. Dan Gilmartin of 1080 Swamp Road, Rushland expressed concerns about Rushland RC Speedway, which is located one property away from his home. He stated that he believes the track is not zoned for that area and that it is very noisy and disruptive to the neighborhood. Both the indoor and outdoor tracks, along with the shouting of the participants and spectators, can still be heard while he is in his home with the windows and doors closed.
- C. Alan Davis of Rushland, owner of the property which currently houses Rushland RC Speedway, said that he was contacted by Code Enforcement Officer Middleman with regards to a violation and complaints about the track. In turn, he contacted Jason Smith who is the current tenant of the property and made him aware of this situation. Mr. Davis also said he has never witnessed any issues with the track or received noise complaints.

- D. Cara Caltrone of Newtown Township said that her son's social skills have benefitted from Rushland RC Speedway and would like to see the continuation of the club and the track's operation.
- E. Jason Smith of Ivyland, owner of Torodyne, stated that the first notice he received was from Code Enforcement Officer Middleman and he was not previously aware there was an issue. He would like to resolve the violation and continue with the track.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hearn gave the March police report. There were 338 calls for service, 63 traffic citations and 6 traffic accidents. Chief Hearn also announced that even though "Drug Take Back" day is over, residents can still drop off their old medications at the Newtown Township Police Building. In addition, Chief Hearn said that "Coffee with a Cop" on May 1 was a success and thanked the community for coming to the event.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

There was none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Board accepted the Engineer's report for March.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Code/Zoning Department.** The Board received the March report. There were 18 permits issued, 41 permit inspections (11 failed inspections) and a total of \$10,388.00 in fees collected.
- B. Public Works Department.** The Board received the March report.
- C. Lingohocken Fire Company Report.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the March report. There were 15 calls for service, 58 man-hours for responses, 71 man-hours for work detail and 88 man-hours for training, for a total of 216 man-hours of service to the community.
- D. Central Bucks Ambulance Report.** The Board received the March report.
- E. Historical Commission Minutes.** The Board accepted the Historical Commission meeting minutes of February 7.
- F. Park and Recreation Board Minutes.** The Board accepted the Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes of March 19.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Rienzi Zoning Hearing Board Fencing Variance.** Manager Pantano said that the Rienzis submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application to install an eight-foot deer fence on their property to grow grapes. The hearing to review of the application is scheduled for May 30.
- B. Road Project Loan Draw Down.** Manager Pantano stated that this year's road project will cost approximately \$300,000.00. There is a \$85,700.00 loan draw down that will take place on June 17. Another \$156,000.00 in funding will be provided from the State's reimbursement for traffic lights. The remainder of the funding will be drawn from the Cable Access Fund. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, authorization for advertisement of the road project bids was approved unanimously.

- C. Warrantless Arrest Ordinance.** Manager Pantano said that Solicitor MacNair had prepared an ordinance to provide the Township had a proper ordinance on its books to allow a warrantless type of arrest in specific cases. The proposed ordinance was sent to Police Chief Hearn for review and was approved. Manager Pantano recommended that the ordinance be authorized for advertisement. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the advertisement of the Warrantless Arrest Ordinance.
- D. Lingohocken Fire Company LOSAP Program Contribution.** Manager Pantano said the Township had previously contributed to the LOSAP program which provides a retirement plan for the volunteer firefighters. There was \$15,000 budgeted for a contribution to the program for this year. On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the Board approved a contribution of \$15,000.00 to Lingohocken Fire Company LOSAP Fund. Chair Pogonowski abstained from the vote since he is a member of the Fire Company.
- E. Gas Pricing for Building Heat.** Manager Pantano said Connect Energy reviewed the quotes from different companies to provide natural gas to the Township. They recommended WGL Energy at a rate of \$0.452/therm for a two-year term. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the conversion from PECO to WGL Energy for natural gas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Knittle of Barley Road, Ivyland said that Rushland RC Speedway was an encouragement for his child and would like to see a resolution so the track may continue operation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, all voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano
Township Manager