

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 02, 2020**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 2, 2020 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 7:39 P.M. Present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Solicitor Terry Clemons, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise and Township Manager Joseph Pantano.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting minutes of January 6, 2020, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of January 6, 2020 and Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting minutes of January 27, 2020 were approved unanimously. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of December 2, 2019 were approved. Vice Chair Magne abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following January 20, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$30,964.18
Cable Access Fund bills	848.22
JCE Sewer Fund bill	34.35
TOTAL	\$31,846.75

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the January 20, 2020 Escrow bills list for \$4,253.55 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 (01/10/20)	\$15,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following February 3, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$121,365.25
Building Loan payment	2,422.00
Open Space Loan payment	17,178.00
Highway Capital Reserve Loan payment	10,833.00
Cable Access Fund bills	901.23
MR Sewer Fund bills	3,819.07
JCE Sewer Fund bill	8,709.23
Open Space Fund bills	5,041.48
TOTAL	\$170,269.26

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (01/22/20)	\$20,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following February 17, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$38,062.07
Cable Access Fund bill	294.80
MR Sewer Fund bill	3,044.90
JCE Sewer Fund bills	5,009.26
Open Space Fund bill	187.92
TOTAL	\$46,598.95

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (02/09/20)	\$20,000.00
General Fund to Procurement Card (02/05/20)	\$5,000.00

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following March 2, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$112,243.36
Building Loan payment	2,422.00
Open Space Loan payment	17,178.00
Highway Capital Reserve Loan payment	10,833.00
Cable Access Fund bill	381.99
MR Sewer Fund bill	35.10
Open Space Fund bills	5,166.10
EMS Fund bills	1,674.83
TOTAL	\$149,934.38

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the March 2, 2020 Escrow bills list for \$160,097.98 was approved unanimously except for the Dougherty account in the amount of \$147,057.41. This account will be reviewed to confirm it is being distributed to the correct account.

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (02/18/20)	\$20,000.00
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Dan Laibstain, a Census Taker Recruiter, announced that positions are now available to become a Census Taker for 2020. Detailed information about positions and the 2020 Census can be found on the website 2020census.gov.
- B.** The Village Library will be hosting “Chair Yoga” on Mondays, from 9 to 10 A.M.

- C. The Village Library will be hosting the program “Unlocking the Secrets to Your Dreams” on Monday, March 16 from 7 to 8 P.M.
- D. There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mitch McIntyre of the Wrightstown Food Cupboard thanked the residents of Wrightstown for their generous support to the community Cupboard.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hearn will present the January 2020 report at the March 16 Board of Supervisors meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

- A. **Resolution 2020-08 Conservation Easement Purchase.** Solicitor Clemons reviewed Resolution #2020-08 authorizing the acquisition of a conservation easement on Parcel #53-012-053 for \$806,000.00. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the resolution was approved unanimously.
- B. **Conservation Easement Agreement.** Solicitor Clemons reviewed the Conservation Easement agreement for Parcel #53-012-053 and recommended having a land trust as a co-holder. With the Board having interviewed two possible candidates, Chair Pogonowski recommended that the Heritage Conservatory be the land trust co-holder of the conservation easement. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the appointment of the Heritage Conservatory as the land trust co-holder in the amount of \$17,500.00 plus \$2500.00 for a baseline report was approved unanimously.
- C. **JMZO Zoning Ordinance Amendment.** Solicitor Clemons presented a proposed amendment to the Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance, which includes Wrightstown, Newtown and Upper Makefield Townships. The amendment provides for locations for combination convenience stores and fueling stations within the Jointure. Wawa has filed a curative amendment challenge with Newtown Township claiming the Jointure has no area zoned for this type of use. The Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code allows for municipalities to adopt a curative amendment addressing non-permitted uses and establishing zoning districts where they would be allowed. The amendment as proposed by the Newtown Township Planning Commission includes zoning districts VC1, VC2 and PS in Wrightstown. Chair Pogonowski supported including VC2 and PS. Additionally, he agreed to include VC1, located in Wrightstown and Upper Makefield, if Wrightstown could rezone the VC1 area in Wrightstown to another district such as VC3. Treasurer Lloyd stated he would support VC2 to be included but not PS. Vice Chair Magne did not agree with the districts proposed and would like to see the RI district, located at Swamp Road and Second Street Pike, as the district to allow the use, but to change it to RI-C to differentiate it from the other RI districts. Questions and comments from the audience including possible expansion of the permitted areas, details of what areas were included in the zoning districts, traffic issues, sewer service, PennDOT approvals and lighting concerns. The issue of the new use being a special exception or conditional use was discussed. Chair Pogonowski and Treasurer Lloyd supported making the use by special exception, while Vice Chair Magne supported making it by conditional use. The proposed amendment will again be reviewed by the Jointure which will provide a draft for distribution to the Planning Commissions.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

The Board accepted the Engineer’s report for January.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Code/Zoning Department.** The Board received the January report. There were 24 permits issued, 35 permit inspections (9 failed inspections) and a total of \$9,679.50 in fees collected.
- B. Public Works Department.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the January report.
- C. Lingohocken Fire Company Report.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the January report. There were 23 calls for service, 94 man-hours for responses, 57 man-hours for training and 46 man-hours for work detail, for a total of 197 man-hours of service to the community.
- D. Central Bucks Rescue Squad.** The Board accepted the January report.
- E. Park and Recreation Board Minutes.** The Board accepted the Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes of February 18. The Annual Wrightstown Community Yard Sale will be held on Sunday, May 3 and the Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 17.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Bucks County West Nile Virus Mosquito Control Program.** The Bucks County Board of Health has requested permission to monitor and treat Township-owned properties, except for Anchor Run Farm, for mosquitos. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the Board unanimously granted permission for the Bucks County Health Department to monitor and treat Township-owned properties for mosquitos, except for Anchor Run Farm.
- B. Rodriquez Lawsuit (Worthington Mill Road Bridge, 2017).** Manager Pantano reported receiving a letter stating that the Township had been released from the 2017 Rodriquez lawsuit.
- C. Swamp Road and Second Street Pike Intersection Improvement Update.** Manager Pantano met with design engineers to review traffic signal permits for the intersection of Swamp Road and Second Street Pike. He said the largest changes to the intersection will be the addition of left hand turning lanes and acceleration ramps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

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 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano
Township Manager