

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF JUNE 28, 2021.**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was called to order at 5:00 PM on June 28, 2021 by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski at the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne (by Zoom video), Treasurer Robert Lloyd, Township Solicitor Vicki Kushto, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise and Township Manager Joseph F. Pantano.

**BUSINESS**

**A. The First National Bank and Trust of Newtown, Sign**

**Variance.** Melissa Lenahan, Vice President of Operations and Security Director, was present to discuss a request for a variance from the Township sign requirements. The First National Bank and Trust of Newtown had previously submitted a variance application. However, after meeting with the Board the application was withdrawn. Subsequently the bank representatives asked to meet with the Board to discuss what would be necessary to go forward. Ms. Lenahan reviewed the request and the reasoning for it. The size of the proposed sign totals 36.25 square feet. The Township ordinance prohibits a sign any larger than 16 square feet at 35 feet or more from a cartway. Additionally, the sign ordinance allows only one sign per frontage. The bank has two existing wall signs. They would have three signs with the new monument sign being proposed. Their variance application would require relief from the maximum sign size as well as the number of signs. The Board recommended that the bank reconsider asking for the two variances. The applicant will discuss the recommendations with the Bank prior to submitting their Zoning Hearing Board application.

**B. Stoopville Road Traffic Light Project.** The Township is in receipt of a letter from Upper Makefield Township concerning reimbursement of Federal funds expended during the Stoopville Road improvement project. Addition of a traffic light at Stoopville Road and Rt. 413 was proposed using funds not expended for other parts of the project. Since Wrightstown Township was involved with the traffic light portion of the project, they believe Wrightstown should be responsible for part of the reimbursement. The Manager presented several documents to the Board confirming that the Township only committed to paying \$14,000 in engineering fees, which they did. There was some additional work because of resident's concerns that had to be addressed. This added about \$7,000 more to the Township

cost totaling \$21,000. The project was never completed and the State is asking for reimbursement of funds that Upper Makefield Township and Newtown Township used in engineering design in the amount of \$217,393.60. (This is separate from what the Township already paid for the traffic light design.) The Manager was directed to find the original engineering bills that Wrightstown paid, find out why the project was never completed and what documentation Upper Makefield may have that indicates Wrightstown committed to anything other than the \$21,000 in the traffic light engineering.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was none.

**SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS**

There were none.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

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 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joseph F. Pantano  
Township Manager