

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 03, 2020

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met virtually on Monday, August 3, 2020 by Zoom. Chair Chester S. Pogonowski called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of July 6, 2020 were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

General Fund bills	\$101,925.38
Cable Access Fund bill	706.34
MR Sewer Fund bill	4,790.33
JCE Sewer Fund bills	5,384.04
Open Space Bond Fund bill	830,068.52
TOTAL	\$942,874.61

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (07/09/20)	\$20,000.00
PLIGIT Open Space to First National Bank Open Space	\$400,000.00

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following August 3, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$99,002.09
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	192.41
MR Sewer Fund bill	40.77
Open Space Bond Fund bill	896.50
TOTAL	\$130,564.77

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the August 3, 2020 Escrow bills list for \$14,545.54 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 (07/23/20)

\$20,000.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Vice Chair Magne announced that the Wrightstown Village Library has reopened, and masks are required.
- B. Vice Chair Magne reminded residents to complete the 2020 Census. Residents can complete the 2020 Census form by mail, by phone or online by visiting 2020census.gov.
- C. Chair Pogonowski announced a change to the agenda. The Zoning Hearing Board decision extension request for the Neeld property, TMP #53-15-12, was removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hearn presented the June police report. There were 335 calls for service, 35 traffic citations and 2 DUI arrests. He noted that there will be an increase in truck enforcement inspections starting on August 12. He also warned that there has been an increase in fraud and that residents should not provide their personal information in emails or over the phone when solicited. Chief Hearn asked all residents to prepare for Hurricane Isaias by securing all items that could potentially become projectiles during the storm. He warned residents to be aware of road flooding and downed power lines.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

- A. **3136/3155 Rushland Road, Iden/Cooper Lot Line Change.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the application for a lot line change. Joe Blackburn, attorney for the Idens, said that the applicants were seeking a lot line change. He stated that the Coopers have already given the Idens permission to use the area to be transferred and that both parties would like to make it official. The applicants believe this could prevent problems upon a future change of property owners. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board voted to send the application to the Zoning Hearing Board, asking that there be no further subdivision.
- B. **2363 Second Street Pike, Nick and Caitlin Caputo, Setback Relief.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the application for setback relief to install a shed. Nick Caputo, the property owner, stated that his neighbor had no issue with the proposed placement. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board voted to send the application to the Zoning Hearing Board with no comment.
- C. **157 Pine Lane, Sam and Cathy Smith, Setback Relief.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the application for setback relief to install a garage. Treasurer Lloyd and Vice Chair Magne expressed concerns that there was not enough information provided by the applicant as to the layout of the property's septic system. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board voted to send the application to the Zoning Hearing Board with a letter stating that the applicant has not shown a hardship in that the garage could likely be placed elsewhere on the property. Moreover, the applicant has not provided information on the placement of the septic lateral piping, which may allow for building relocation and a reduction in the nonconforming variance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A. Gas Station-Convenience Store Use Ordinance. Wrightstown Ordinance #2020-322, Jointure Ordinance #2020-02.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the proposed Gas Station-Convenience Store Use Ordinance with respect to the sections pertaining to Wrightstown Township. Margaret Clark, a Wrightstown resident, expressed concerns about water protection, lighting and the use of the term "convenience items". Wrightstown resident Lynn Bowen asked if there is a Township ordinance that requires full service or self-service gas pumps. Chair Pogonowski stated there is not such an ordinance. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne with reservations, the Board authorized the advertisement of Wrightstown Ordinance #2020-322, Jointure Ordinance #2020-02.
- B. Solicitor Clemons** stated that settlement was made on the Schimek Parcel #53-012-053, placing a conservation easement on the property.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Board accepted the Engineer's report for June.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Code/Zoning Department.** The Board received the June report. There were 30 permits issued, 35 permit inspections (5 failed), and a total of \$18,994.50 in fees collected (\$7020.00 being escrow).
- B. Public Works Department.** The Board received the June report.
- C. Lingohocken Fire Company Report.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the June report. There were 15 calls for service and 89 man-hours for responses, 16.5 man-hours for training and 22.5 man-hours for work detail, for a total of 128 man-hours of service to the community.
- D. Central Bucks Rescue Squad.** The Board accepted the June report.
- E. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Board accepted the Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 9 and July 23.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Magne expressed thanks on behalf of the Township to Dan Burt of Roots Landscaping, a long time Township resident, for gifting the masonry work repairs on the Octagonal School House. Abby O'Keefe, a Historical Commission member, presented a print of the schoolhouse to Mr. Burt for his contribution to the Township.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. PennDot Projects Update**
 - i. Worthington Mill Road Bridge.** Manager Pantano stated that a drilling company for PennDOT will be doing test drillings and taking bore samples before starting the Worthington Mill Bridge construction. The road will be closed starting the week of August 10 between 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.
 - ii. Swamp Road/Second Street Pike Intersection.** Manager Pantano said that PennDOT will be reconfiguring the intersection of Swamp Road and Second Street Pike. PennDot has scheduled work to start in May 2021 and will continue until October.
- B. 2020 Road Paving Projects Update.** Manager Pantano said the first phase of road repairs will begin the week of August 10. The second phase will include surface treatment of the roads using oil, chip and fog sealing.
- C. MS4 Update.** Manager Pantano met with Mary Stover of CKS Engineering to identify any potential pathogen sources and to schedule a stream restoration plan for the MS4 program.

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 9:38 P.M.

A recording of the Zoom meeting was posted to the Wrightstown Township website on August 5, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano
Township Manager