

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING March 16, 2026**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 16, 2026, 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 7:30 P.M. Present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd by Zoom, Solicitor Vicki Kushto, Engineer Cindy VanHise and Township Manager Stacy Crandell. All motions were approved by unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chair Pogonowski announced that Treasurer Lloyd would participate via teleconference. There was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

Vice Chair Magne announced upcoming events at the Village Library.

- On Wednesday, March 18 from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M. there will be St. Patrick's Day Story Time and Crafts for kindergarten through fourth grade students.
- On Monday, March 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Founding Father Benjamin Franklin and Founding Mother Besty Ross will present stories of the American Revolution. Flag maker, seamstress, upholsterer and Quaker, Elizabeth Griscom Ross Ashburn Claypoole will also be there to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation.
- The Lego Club for grades first through fifth will meet on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
- On Friday, March 27 movies will include Zootopia at 6:00 P.M. and Anaconda at 8:00 P.M. and will be shown indoors.
- The Adult Exercise class will continue from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Yoga Chair class will be held at the same time on Fridays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident Patricia Moskaitis spoke about her concerns with rising costs of the sewer treatment plant in the Matthews Ridge development.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Work Session minutes of February 23, 2026, with edits, were approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following March 3, 2026, payments were approved.

General Fund bills	\$38,777.94
Cable Access Fund bills	1,985.15
Matthews Ridge Sewer Fund bills	2,749.44
Jane Chapman East Sewer Fund bills	8,367.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,880.21</b>

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following transfer was approved.

General Fund to Payroll (2/22/26)	\$20,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following March 16, 2026, payments were approved.

General Fund bills	\$165,484.27
Cable Access Fund bills	1,239.44
Matthews Ridge Sewer Fund bills	432.35
Jane Chapman East Sewer Fund bills	3,160.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$170,316.42</b>

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following Escrow bills were approved.

Escrow bills	\$46,086.23
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following transfers were approved.

General Fund to Payroll (03/11/26)	\$20,000.00
Cable Fund to General Fund (to correct deposit)	47,883.18

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

There was none.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Engineer VanHise submitted her report for January and February.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**A. Newtown Township Police Department.** Chief Hearn presented the reports for January and February. In January there were 612 calls for service and 4 arrests. The arrests included 1 aggravated assault against police, 1 domestic assault, 1 fraud and 1 DUI. There were 17 traffic crashes. There were 43 traffic citations and 35 warnings. The speed board was deployed on Second Street Pike. There were no significant speed issues reported. In February there were 491 calls for service with 1 arrest for DUI and 2 fraud reports. There were 18 traffic crashes, 33 citations and 29 warnings issued. Chief Hearn reminded the public that fraud crime is on the rise, as are artificial intelligence crimes. The Police Department will never contact residents for money or arrest warrants. He cautioned to remind children not to send inappropriate photos of themselves to anyone. Chief Hearn gave an update on an active investigation with the FBI regarding a terrorist event that involved a resident of Newtown Township. The resident's vehicle was located in Wrightstown and towed to an FBI facility.

**B. Lingohocken Fire Company.** Deputy Chief Rob Flowers gave the reports for January and

February. In January there were 31 calls for service, 136 man-hours for responses, 69 man-hours of training, for a total of 205 man-hours of service to the community. In February there were 26 calls for service, 94 man-hours for responses, 77 man-hours of training, for a total of 171 man-hours of service to the community. There was training with the new rescue truck which is now in service.

- C. Central Bucks Ambulance.** Chair Pogonowski gave the report for January. There were 22 calls from the Wycombe station and 1 call from the Jamison substation.
- D. Emergency Management Coordinator.** From the February and March reports Manager Crandell related that EMC John Kernan has been working with the deputy EMCs and on the dry hydrant project, as well as on some investigations in the Township.
- E. Public Works Department.** Foreman Dave James reported that in January there were 3 snowstorms with a total of 20 inches of snow. In February there were 2 storms with 18.5 inches of snow. With much of the salt supply having been used, it has now been replenished. The Board requested that Foreman James move forward with street sweeping for curbed township roads at the earliest possible convenience.
- F. Code/Zoning Department.** Chair Pogonowski read the Zoning Department report for January and February. In January there were 39 zoning and building permit inspections, and 26 notices of violation were sent. There were 4 complaint inspections and 8 signs were removed. A total of \$10,351.85 in fees and \$2,500.00 in escrow fees were collected. In February there were 9 zoning and building permit inspections, and 41 notices of violation were sent. There was 1 complaint inspection and 4 fire inspections. A total of \$7,804.00 in fees and \$8,750.00 in escrow fees were collected.
- G. Boards and Commissions.**
  - 1. Karl Niederer, secretary of the Historical Commission, gave an update on the upcoming events planned at the Octagonal Schoolhouse. There will be several presentations at the Open House events between May and October, including art by schoolchildren and Township professional artists, calligraphy, and period music. Lisa Loeffler Fee continues working diligently on the scanning of Commission files. The Historical Commission is working towards creating an interactive parcel map online that will be available for all residents to view. This will include over 300 sites in the Township.
  - 2. Vice Chair Magne reviewed the January minutes of the Environmental Advisory Council. Scott McBurney was elected Chair and Robin Hoy was elected Vice Chair for 2026. The Council reviewed the proposed landscape ordinance with Township Planner Judy Stern Goldstein and made recommendations.
  - 3. Vice Chair Magne reviewed the January minutes of the Park and Recreation Board. Jeanna Zanoni was elected Chair and Dawn McBurney was elected Secretary for 2026. The members are planning for the Community Day and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. indoors at the Grange fairgrounds.
  - 4. Vice Chair Magne reviewed the January minutes of the Planning Commission. Joe Conroy was elected Chair and Scott McBurney was elected Vice Chair for 2026. The members reviewed the proposed landscape ordinance with Township Planner Judy Stern Goldstein and gave their recommendations. They also reviewed the minor change in the proposed Wireless Communications Ordinance.

**H. Township Manager.** Manager Crandell said that the Township has submitted all annual reports to the County. The Auditors will complete their report soon and will present it to the Board in May. The State Liquid Fuels money has been received. Staff is currently working on collating stormwater maintenance agreements. Also, all residents should submit their septic tank pump-out forms and receipts to the Township office when they are due to avoid a violation. Manager Crandell gave an overview of Ready Bucks, which is the County emergency notification system the Township uses.

**BUSINESS:**

- A. Authorization to Sign Sewage Facilities Planning Module – 668 Durham Road.** Engineer VanHise summarized the documents. On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, authorization was given to sign the Sewage Planning Module for 668 Durham Road.
- B. Approval to Proceed with Matthews Ridge Wastewater Treatment Plant Filter Retrofit.** Rick Getts from ARRO Consulting gave an overview of the proposal for replacing the membrane bioreactor modules. Eastern Environmental Contractors submitted a proposal for the replacement work for retrofitting the filters for \$42,650. Toray membrane filters provided by Wastewater Technology for \$25,456 would be installed. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the proposal from Eastern Environmental Contractors was approved, as well as ordering the replacement filters from Wastewater Technology. The cost of this work will be funded by the Matthews Ridge Sewer Capital Fund.
- C. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Sludge Removal at Jane Chapman East and Matthews Ridge Wastewater Treatment Plants.** Rick Getts reviewed the sludge removal process and costs. On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, authorization was given to advertise for sludge removal bids.
- D. Authorization to Apply for Federal Funding for Filter Retrofit at Chapman Corners Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Manager Crandell gave an overview of a community funding opportunity for 2027 through Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick's office. This would allow the Township to receive 80% funding for the project with a 20% cost sharing. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, authorization to apply for the funding was granted.
- E. Discussion of Savvy Citizen Communication Tool App.** Manager Crandell explained the Savvy Citizen App. This app would allow residents to receive notifications from the Township, as well as from emergency responders that service the community, via text, email, social media and the Township website. The base cost would be \$1,859.00 per year. A demonstration of the app and its possibilities will be presented at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was none.

**SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Crandell, Manager