

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 7, 2022**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 7, 2022 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 (attending via Zoom), Solicitor Terry Clemons, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise and Zoning Officer Ted Middleman. Treasurer Robert Lloyd was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of February 7, 2022 and the Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting minutes of February 28, 2022 were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following February 21, 2022 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$31,472.42
Cable Access Fund bills	3,536.21
TOTAL	\$35,008.63

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the February 21, 2022 Escrow bills list for \$20,100.51 was approved unanimously.

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (02/16/22)	\$20,000.00
General Fund to Flexible Spending	\$1,000.00
General Fund PLIGIT to Procurement Card	\$2,112.28

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following March 7, 2022 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$118,889.64
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	1,240.09
MR Sewer Fund bills	4,491.15
JCE Sewer Fund bill	6,000.03
Open Space Fund bill	258.30
TOTAL	\$161,312.21

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the March 7, 2022 Escrow bills list for \$58,059.91 was approved unanimously.

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

General Fund to Highway Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00
General Fund to Payroll Fund (03/02/22)	\$20,000.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Vice Chair Magne announced that the Village Library will be hosting the following programs. Registration for the programs is available online at www.calendarbuckslib.org.
- The Exercise Group sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
 - Preschool Story Time for children 2-5 years of age is held on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M.
 - Chair Yoga is held on Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
 - Lighthouse Sketch-Virtual Art Workshop will be held on Monday, March 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
- B.** There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hearn presented the January police report. There were 310 calls for service, 25 traffic citations and 11 traffic accidents. Chief Hearn also announced that on January 12, two Newtown officers were promoted to Corporal, and another two officers were promoted to Sergeant. He also announced that Township Line Road will be actively patrolled to enforce the new speed limit. The speed limit has been reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. He also reminded residents that phone and email fraud is continuing to occur and not to give out personal information.

JMZO TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE:

Wireless Facilities Ordinance. Chair Pogonowski reviewed the JMZO Telecommunication Ordinance. He stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the ordinance and had referred it back to the Board without comments. Upon review of the ordinance, he noted some format changes which he directed back to Solicitor Clemons. In addition, he asked Solicitor Clemons if a bond could be required to be posted by telecommunication companies to ensure that discontinued equipment, left by the company, did not incur a cost to the Township for removal. Solicitor Clemons said he would take the item back to the Jointure's Solicitor but, due to FCC regulations, he believes it would not be allowed.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION: 9 Bennett Lane, Broderick.

Chair Pogonowski noted that the application for 9 Bennett Lane was reviewed by the Board at the Work Session held on February 28. He stated that the property owners were aware at the time of home purchase that there were deed restrictions. Furthermore, when they applied for additional permits, they were informed of the amount of impervious surface allowance that remained after each project. He stated that there was no hardship for a variance. On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the Board instructed Solicitor Clemons to send a notice opposing the application to the Zoning Hearing Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Clemons reported that he is still waiting to hear from the attorney for the owners of a property for a proposed conservation easement by the Township. Chair Pogonowski stated that a fair amount of

time has passed and if an agreement can not be reached soon, the Board would like to move on and use those funds to preserve another property. Solicitor Clemons said he would reach out to the attorney and to let the property owners know that the Board would most likely be setting a settle-by date after the next Board meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Board accepted the Engineer's report for January.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Magne asked about the state of the proposed lighting ordinance. PECO had said that the Township would need to buy back all of their street light poles to convert them to LED bulbs. Township Engineer VanHise and Solicitor Clemons believed the information was incorrect and contacted a lighting consultant. The consultant confirmed the information was incorrect and that they could act as a representative for the Township on the matter. On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the Board instructed Township Engineer VanHise to approve hiring the lighting consultant to negotiate with PECO for an amount to not exceed \$1,000.00.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Code/Zoning Department.** The Board received the January report. There were 18 permits issued, 41 permit inspections (9 failed inspections) and a total of \$12,521.50 in fees collected (\$1,758.00 of which were escrow fees).
- B. Public Works Department.** The Board received the January report.
- C. Lingohocken Fire Company Report.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the January report. There were 13 calls for service, 44.65 man-hours for responses, for a total of 44.65 man-hours of service to the community.
- D. Central Bucks Rescue Squad.** The Board accepted the January report.
- E. Planning Commission Minutes.** The Board accepted the Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 10.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Verizon Franchise Agreement. Chair Pogonowski reviewed a draft offer from Dan Cohen of Cohen Law Group for the Verizon Franchise Agreement concerning their PEG channel grant. The offer is for a \$10,000.00 grant to the Township which will be paid in installments of \$2,000.00 per year for 5 years. Chair Pogonowski directed Manager Pantano to proceed with allowing Mr. Cohen to settle on behalf of Wrightstown Township.

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 Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, both voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano, Manager