

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 9, 2023**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was called to order at 5:00 PM on January 9, 2023 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, Treasurer Robert Lloyd, Township Manager Stacey Mulholland, Township Solicitor Vicki Kushto and Township Engineer Cindy VanHise.

Call to Order 5:00 PM

1. BUSINESS

St. Mark's Orthodox Church, 452 Durham Road, ZHB.

Joe Blackburn, attorney for the St. Mark's Orthodox Church, stated that St. Mark's is currently a legal non-conforming property which includes a 2,000 sq. ft. worship area and a 2,500 sq. ft. pastor's residence which are conforming with land development for the property. Mr. Blackburn also noted that the present facilities are too small, with current membership at approximately sixty-three families. Furthermore, membership is continuing to grow. The church previously had planned an expansion with a 1,200 sq. ft. addition to the worship area, an additional 5,000 sq. ft. community center building and sixty additional parking spaces. The church then placed the plans on hold. The church has since revised its plans and is requesting a single 7,700 sq. ft. addition that will encompass additional worship space, a community center and offices. The plan also includes the previously requested sixty parking spaces. Mr. Blackburn said that the applicant is requesting several variances from the Zoning Hearing Board for setbacks, expansion, and impervious surface. He also said that a second driveway would be removed, and stormwater management would be added to the property to address the additional impervious surface. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board instructed the Solicitor to inform the Zoning Hearing that the Board does not oppose the application.

2. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was none.

3. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer VanHise reported that the Public Works building roof has not yet been completed due to a delay in receiving the skylights. The skylights are scheduled to be delivered in a week.

4. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Treasurer Lloyd asked Manager Mulholland if there were any other complaints from residents about the newly paved roads. Manager Mulholland commented there has not been anything new. Treasurer Lloyd noted residents have spoken to him and said the new roads are bumpier than the previous surface. Engineer VanHise stated that as the warm weather approaches and heats the pavement, it should smooth it out even further. She also said that the roads are still under a maintenance agreement which will allow the Township to further address any issues that are not resolved with time and warm weather.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. ARPA Funds Budget. Manager Mulholland presented a list of projects and expenses that were paid out of the ARPA Fund. She also noted with current projects and expected purchases, the anticipated cost will exceed the amount left in the fund. Chair Pogonowski suggested the dump truck does not need to be purchased using ARPA funds. Vice Chair Magne concurred. With the removal of the dump truck from the list, the ARPA funds could cover the current and planned projects.

B. Verizon Agreement. Manager Mulholland shared the proposed Verizon Franchise Agreement with the Board. Chair Pogonowski said that after reviewing the Verizon agreement, the Township should keep the dedicated HD cable channel.

C. Cedar Lane Improvement Meeting for Residents. Engineer VanHise reported that 90% of the specifications for the Cedar Lane project are complete and the DEP permit has been approved. She recommended scheduling the meeting for residents of Cedar Lane first and then have the project sent out for bids. Manager Mulholland suggested that the meeting be scheduled and advertised for January 23 after the Work Session.

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 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Mulholland
Township Manager