

## MINUTES WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 4, 2024

The meeting was held in the Board Room at the township building on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 1:05 p.m.

**In attendance:** Betty Davis, Mary Lee Johnson, Jane Magne, Karl Niederer, and Beverly Wilson.

Betty Davis, Commission Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Beverly Wilson, Secretary, read the December 7, 2023 Minutes; one minor correction was added by Mary Lee Johnson, concerning the schoolhouse signs.

**Old Business:** Betty noted that it is time to choose officers for 2024. She agreed to remain as our Commission Chairman, unless somebody would like to take over that position. We all agreed that the 2023 positions would remain the same for 2024.

**Discussion followed about the pending new schoolhouse roof. The supervisors have agreed to accept the same bid as last time, although Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau certification would not be necessary. Betty and Mary Lee have agreed to check on the roof for water damage during the Winter.**

**Betty brought up the subject of decoration at the schoolhouse for next year, during holidays. She suggests WE DO SOMETHING!! She feels this is very important, Candles on the window sills could be one idea. Also, Betty has a booklet on games for young children to play, which might be of interest.**

**New Business:** Karl Niederer gave a full report to the meeting, concerning the many projects he is currently working on. His report, detailing six matters, a copy of which he sent to Bev Wilson for the January 4th Minutes, is included with these Minutes. One item is the Township Website; Leah and Julia will try to use it; currently this is on hold. Karl plans to convert brochures into web brochures on the township website. Adrienne had been doing that. Karl anticipates that before May, the proper people who will use the website, will be in place.

**We also discussed the next display for the Display Case in the Lobby. It was noted that the Worthington Mill has been sold, and much of the lower land on the property was flooded. Perhaps the mill is an item for discussion for the display case.**

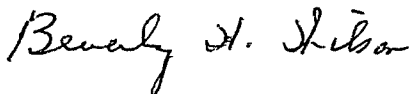
We also mentioned our prior wish to learn more about the history of Mega Way in Rushland. We still plan to talk to Sandy Arnold, who was an original owner and resident on that street. Sandy currently works at the Davis Feed Mill.

**Betty requested that mention be made in The Minutes that we need to discuss the need for auxiliary guides for the schoolhouse once we reopen it in May. Would six individuals be sufficient, or do we need more? Also, is weather important to determine the need for a particular day?**

Bev moved, and Mary Lee seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. at The Township Building.**

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly H. Wilson, Secretary