

Wrightstown Township Historical Commission
Minutes
2 January 2025

Call to Order: Chair Betty Davis called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Present:

Members: Betty Davis, chair; Jane DelBianco, Beverly Wilson, Mary Lee Johnson (Quorum)

Absent: Karl Niederer (excused, funeral)

Guest: Jane Magne, Township Supervisor.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the 5 December 2024 meeting. There being none, **the Commission VOTED to approve the minutes as written.**

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Jane DelBianco announced that WTHC 2025 supply account budget is \$1,000. She added that the WTHC's savings account balance in \$9,262.52. See ATTACHMENT A 250102 WTHC Treasurer's Report. **The Commission VOTED to accept the report.**
2. **On motion (DelBianco), seconded (Wilson), the Commission VOTED to approve payment** of \$250 to Joanna Krasnansky for her framed original watercolor of the Wrightstown Quaker Meetinghouse, undated.

Election of Officers:

On motion (DelBianco), seconded (Wilson), the Commission VOTED unanimously to elect:

Chair—Betty Davis, Vice Chair—Mary Lee Johnson, Secretary—Karl Niederer, Treasurer—Jane DelBianco, Member at Large—Bev Wilson.

Old Business:

1. **Mega Way Development History**—No progress to report. *Beverly will follow up with Jane Magne.*
2. **Quaker History Exhibit**—Karl has contacted Lois Wilson to schedule a meeting to finalize the selection of exhibit items. *Karl will follow up.*
3. **Election Turnout Statistics**—Jane DelBianco suggested the gathering of historical statistics on Wrightstown voter turnout as a future project. *Mary Lee volunteered to research the county website and see what she can get printed out.*
4. **Photo Album of Octagonal School Roof Replacement**—Karl continues to work on preparing an introduction explaining the project, and a suitable cover and binder label for the album.
5. **Organizing and Scanning Commission Files**—Jane DelBianco has a possible volunteer to work on this. *Stay tuned.*

New Business:

1. **Protecting Windows at the Octagonal Schoolhouse**—Mary Lee Johnson has begun investigating how to secure higher-quality storm windows for the Schoolhouse's seven (7) windows. Doylestown Glass Co. has suggested solution to install a white metal frame of approximately 1" thickness, attached securely to the existing trim inset (see ATTACHMENT B, photo diagram provided by Jane DelBianco). Weather-stripping can be added if needed. Mary Lee said the quoted price for seven storm windows in \$1,010. Betty recommended obtaining a sample first to ensure that it will both work and be visually consistent with the Schoolhouse's architecture. **On motion (DelBianco), seconded (Wilson), the Commission VOTED to authorize Mary Lee to obtain and test-install a sample window, and if successful, to contract for production of all seven with Doylestown Glass Co.**
2. **New Township Manager**—Jane Magne announced the appointment of Stacy Crandell as Township Manager.
3. **1920s Photo of Octagonal Schoolhouse**—Mary Lee reported finding a c1920s photo of the Schoolhouse on "Dark History of Bucks County" (see ATTACHMENT C, screenshot taken by Jane DelBianco).
4. **Gardening at Octagonal Schoolhouse**—Mary Lee offered to take over responsibility for tending gardening at the Schoolhouse. The Commission gratefully accepted.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 6 February 2025

Adjournment: Time 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DelBianco
Secretary pro tempore

ATTACHMENT A

Wrightstown Twp Historical Comm
January, 2025
1.2.2025

Supply Account Balance:	\$1,000.00
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Savings account:

Current Balance:	\$9,172.52
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Deposits:	90.00
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Ending balance:	\$9,262.52
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ATTACHMENT B



Proposed placement and attachment locations for installing metal frame storm windows on existing window frames of Octagonal School (photo diagram by Jane DelBianco).

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ATTACHMENT C



c1920s photo of the Schoolhouse on "Dark History of Bucks County"
(screenshot photo by Jane DelBianco).