

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met virtually on Monday, September 21, 2020 by Zoom. Chair Chester S. Pogonowski called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. Present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Solicitor Vicki Kushto, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise and Township Manager Joseph Pantano. Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of August 3, 2020 were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following August 17, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$40,562.91
Cable Access Fund bills	1,460.42
JCE Sewer Fund bills	1,460.12
Open Space Bond Fund bill	380.56
TOTAL	\$43,864.01

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (08/06/20)	\$20,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following September 8, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$115,828.04
Building Loan payment	2,422.00
Open Space Loan payment	17,178.00
Highway Capital Reserve Loan payment	10,833.00
Cable Access Fund bill	104.49
MR Sewer Fund bills	3,883.03
JCE Sewer Fund bills	8,761.19
Open Space Fund bill	374.90
TOTAL	\$155,126.72

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the September 8, 2020 Escrow bills list for \$9,144.65 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 (08/25/20)	\$25,000.00
General Fund to Payroll Fund (09/03/20)	\$20,000.00

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Chair Pogonowski, the following September 21, 2020 payments were approved unanimously:

General Fund bills	\$50,289.46
Cable Access Fund bill	386.99
MR Sewer Fund bill	3,800.00
JCE Sewer Fund bills	4,149.00
Open Space Bond Fund bill	481.37
TOTAL	\$58,625.45

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

General Fund to Payroll Fund (09/16/20)	\$18,000.00
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Vice Chair Magne announced that the Village Library of Wrightstown has reopened and masks are required. The temporary hours are Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Saturday 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., with the Library being closed on Sunday.
- B. There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Kevin Maxey, 105 Jericho Valley Drive, said that his property has had problems with its stormwater basin not draining properly. He noted that the two new homes being built next to his home are also having problems with the basins not draining completely and creating a mosquito problem. Manager Pantano stated that he has spoken with the builder who is required to replace or repair the basins. He will contact Mr. Maxey offline to further discuss the issues with his basin.
- B. Samantha Kueny, 204 Brownsburg Road, who just moved into the Township, asked if there is a noise ordinance. She said that she has called the police about loud music and profanity repetitively coming from one of her neighbors' property. She also stated that several other neighbors have filed complaints against the same property owner and that as soon as the police leave the noise begins again at an increased volume. Chair Pogonowski stated that there is no Township noise ordinance because it is very difficult to enforce and that setting sound limits does not work because a person mowing their lawn could qualify as violating the order. Chief Hearn said he would follow up with an official letter to the property owner and would review police guidelines for disturbance of the peace.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hearn presented the July police report. He stated there were 280 calls for service, 28 traffic citations and 15 traffic accidents. He reported that there was a successful town hall meeting in July and any organization that would like the police to give a presentation may contact the department at 215-579-1000, extension 233. He announced that three service awards were presented to his officers. Corporal Shawn Pirog was presented with an award for 20 years of service. Sergeant Daniel Bell and Sergeant Frank Ambrose were presented with awards for 25 years of service. Chief Hearn also warned that there has been an increase in fraud activity and that residents should not provide their personal information in emails or over the phone when solicited. Moreover, residents should make sure their vehicles are locked, as there have been thefts from unlocked vehicles.

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS:

Nicholas Albert (Jameson Contractors), 861 Cherry Lane. Nicholas Albert, the owner of Jameson Contractors, is requesting property setback and height requirement variances for 861 Cherry Lane. He stated that his building plan consists of demolition of the old home and rebuilding on the existing footprint. He would also restore the existing free-standing garage. The audience had questions and comments about lighting and impervious surface percentages. Chair Pogonowski and Vice Chair Magne noted that the Zoning Hearing Board application needed to be amended to add variances from section 1209A covering reconstruction of non-conforming uses and to correct the zoning district designation from R1 to CM. The Board recommended that the corrected application be sent to the Zoning Hearing Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

A. Gas Station-Convenience Store Use Ordinance. Wrightstown Ordinance #2020-322; Jointure Ordinance #2020-02. Solicitor Kushto reviewed the proposed Gas Station-Convenience Store Use as an addition to the Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board adopted Wrightstown Ordinance #2020-322, Jointure Ordinance #2020-02.

B. Zoning Code, Definition of Family. Solicitor Kushto reviewed a proposed amendment to the Joint Municipal Zoning Ordinance to include a broader definition of family. A family would further be defined as a group of not more than 5 persons who need not be related who reside together not less than 30 consecutive days per year and maintain a common household.. Chair Pogonowski requested Solicitor Kushto to send a letter to the Jointure recommending the amendment for advertisement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The Board accepted the Engineer's report for July.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Code/Zoning Department.** The Board received the July report. There were 19 permits issued, 22 permit inspections (3 failed), and \$38,296 in fees collected (\$13,405 being escrow).
- B. Public Works Department.** The July report was reviewed.
- C. Lingohocken Fire Company Report.** Chair Pogonowski reviewed the July report. There were 13 calls for service, 47 man-hours for responses and 128.5 man-hours for training, for a total of 175 man-hours of service to the community.
- D. Central Bucks Rescue Squad.** The Board accepted the July report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. 2020 Road Paving Projects Update.** Manager Pantano reviewed the road paving schedule and said that there are two steps left for the completion of the road projects. The last steps are the final sweeping of the roads and application of fog seal. He received an invoice from Haines Paving and Landscape for \$43,536.85 which included an onsite addition to the original bid. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board voted to approve payment of \$43,536.85 to Haines Paving and Landscape.
- B. Pension Distress Score.** Manager Pantano said that every year the State reviews pension funds to determine a Distress Score which indicates if the pensions are fully funded. This year Wrightstown has received a score of zero indicating that the pensions are fully funded.

C. Salt Bids 2020-2021. Salt bids for the 2020-2021 winter season were received. Morton Salt submitted the lowest bid of \$47.75 per delivered ton and \$47.00 per undelivered ton. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the Board voted unanimously to award the contract to Morton Salt.

D. Land Development Update: Dunkin Donuts. Manager Pantano stated that Dunkin Donuts has resubmitted a new application and plans. The application has not yet been recorded because the fees for the project have not been received. Once the fees are received the application review process will begin.

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 8:52 P.M.

A recording of the Zoom meeting was posted to the Wrightstown Township website on September 22, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano
Township Manager