

WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING July 20, 2026

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, July 20, 2026, 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 7:30 P.M. Present were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert S. Lloyd, Solicitor Vicki Kushto, Engineer Brian Cicak and Township Manager Stacy Crandell. All motions were approved by unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were executive sessions held on July 8, July 10, and July 17 to discuss personnel issues.

PRESENTATION OF THE VILLAGE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT:

Linda Rentschler and Debbie Gregory, Village Library Board members, presented the 2025 Annual Report for the Library. They discussed the many events planned for the summer. More information can be obtained from the Library website, as well as the place to sign up for different events. The Village Library will be represented at the Wrightstown Farmers Market on August 1 to provide stories, crafts and activities for young attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Stephanie Bariahtaris encouraged the Board to provide more community-centered events to help engage young families in the Township.

Resident Tommy Coates asked for clarification on the lighting for his property at 793 Penns Park Road so as to address the temporary use and occupancy status. He stated that the light meets the ordinance requirements and he has no plans to change it. Vice Chair Magne reminded that he had agreed to work with the Historical Commission to provide appropriate fixtures since the property is in the historic town square and asked that he contact a member of the Historical Commission to discuss the light fixture. Chair Pogonowski cautioned that this item was not on the agenda and the Board cannot make decisions. He asked that Mr. Coates' request be placed on a future work session agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Work Session minutes of June 22, 2026, with edits, were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following June 29, 2026, payments were approved.

General Fund bills	\$63,561.66
Cable Access Fund bills	\$2,267.00
Matthews Ridge Sewer Fund bills	\$3,333.40
Jane Chapman East Sewer Fund bills	\$14,649.13
TOTAL	\$83,811.19

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following Escrow payments were approved.

Escrow Fund bills	\$31,064.58
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following transfer was approved.

General Fund to Payroll (06/18/26)	\$40,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following July 6, 2026, payments were approved.

General Fund bills	\$117,607.08
Cable Access Fund bills	\$835.84
Special Projects Fund bill	\$1,557.00
Jane Chapman East Sewer Fund bills	\$2,757.96
Open Space Fund bill	\$2,400.00
Park and Open Space Reserve Fund bill	\$4,224.00
TOTAL	\$129,381.88

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following transfer was approved.

General Fund to Payroll (06/29/26)	\$20,000.00
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following July 20, 2026, payments were approved.

General Fund bills	\$56,043.63
Special Reserve Fund bills	\$3,141.00
Cable Access Fund bills	\$166.47
Special Projects Fund bills	\$1,350.36
Matthews Ridge Sewer Fund bill	\$3,011.07
Jane Chapman East Sewer Fund bills	\$6,239.96
Open Space Fund bills	\$143.50
Park & Open Space Reserve Fund bills	\$14,032.00
Highway Capital Reserve Fund bills	\$8,895.66
TOTAL	\$93,023.65

On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following Escrow payments were approved.

Escrow Fund bills	\$16,009.40
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On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the following transfers were approved.

General Fund to Payroll (07/15/26)	\$20,000.00
Police Pension FNBN to Police Pension PLGIT (07/13/26)	\$907,320.01

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A. Adoption of Bucks County Tax Claim, Ordinance 357.** Solicitor Kushto summarized the proposed ordinance that would designate the Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau as the delinquent real estate tax collector for Township property taxes. All penalties, interest and fees will be paid by the property owner and retained by the Tax Claim Bureau. This would allow the Township to collect the full amount of delinquent taxes rather than the current system in which the commissions and fees are first deducted. On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Ordinance 357 was adopted.
- B. Authorization to Advertise Sewer Lateral Inspection, Ordinance 343.** Solicitor Kushto summarized the proposed Ordinance which could potentially reduce operational costs of the sewer plants. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the Solicitor was authorized to advertise Ordinance 343 for consideration for adoption at the August 17 Board meeting.
- C. JMZO Proposed Data Center Ordinance.** Solicitor Kushto summarized revisions to the proposed Ordinance to establish a new G-17 data center use and regulations. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal twice and recommended moving forward. Chair Pogonowski noted that while there are no current plans for data centers in the Jointure, the Ordinance would establish an area for them in the Quarry district. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the Solicitor was authorized to notify the Jointure that the Board had approved the Ordinance for advertisement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Cicak provided May and June reports to the Board.

End of Maintenance for Balmoral Triumph Subdivision (Sarah Drive). Engineer Cicak reported that the Balmoral Triumph (Sarah Drive) land development has successfully completed the requirements for the end of maintenance and recommended the release of any financial security after all remaining consultant bills are satisfied. On a motion by Vice Chair Magne, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the Board approved the end of maintenance for the Balmoral subdivision.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Newtown Township Police Department.** Lieutenant Joseph presented the May report.

There were 526 calls for service, with three arrests. One fraud is being investigated. There were 9 traffic crashes, with one resulting in a fatality and 2 involving deer. There were 24 traffic details with officers issuing 20 traffic citations and 34 written warnings. The speed board was deployed at several locations which showed that the average speed was below the posted speed limits.

Lieutenant Joseph also presented the June report. There were 414 calls for service, with two arrests. There were 11 traffic crashes, including one hit and run accident. Officers issued 17 traffic citations and 19 written warnings. There was one truck enforcement detail on Durham Road at Fox Hill Drive which resulted in 7 inspections, 2 citations, 4 warnings, and 2 vehicles and 1 driver taken out of service. There were 53 traffic details in June. The speed board was deployed in three locations which showed that the average speed was below the posted speed limits.

Lieutenant Joseph also reminded parents to monitor the activities of their children on social media to help prevent exploitation. He cautioned residents to lock their car doors as neighboring communities have been experiencing vehicle thefts. With the Grange Fair being held August 12 -17, residents should be prepared for traffic delays.

- B. Lingohocken Fire Company.** Fire Chief Ethan Tecker presented the May report. There were 27 calls for service with 7 calls in Wrightstown, 107 man-hours for responses and 94 man-hours of training, for a total of 201 man-hours of service to the community.

Chief Tecker also presented the June report. There were 12 calls for service with 4 calls in Wrightstown, 65 man-hours for responses, 101 man-hours of training and 34 man-hours for work details, for a total of 200 man-hours of service to the community. In addition, Chief Tecker has been working with the Township on testing and checking dry hydrants throughout the Township.

- C. Central Bucks Ambulance.** Chair Pogonowski read the reports for May and June. There were 15 calls in May and 9 calls in June for a total of 87 calls for the year, with 79 of the calls out of the Wycombe station. Financial reports were also provided.
- D. Emergency Management Coordinator.** Manager Crandell reported that in June EMC John Kernan participated in further training and developed a fire safety and prevention summary.
- E. Public Works Department.** Foreman Dave James reported that in May and June the Public Works Department finished the drainage project on Penns Park Road which successfully prevents water from standing on the roadway. He also explained that emergency pipe replacement work will be done on Penns Park Road on July 22 which will necessitate closing the road.
- F. Code/Zoning Department.** Chair Pogonowski read the Zoning Department report for May and June. In May, there were 60 zoning and building permit inspections, 6 residential resale inspections, 8 notices of violation sent, 4 complaint inspections, 17 signs removed and 8 fire inspections. A total of \$12,689.00 in fees and \$5,000 in escrow fees were collected. In June, there were 29 zoning and building permit inspections, 1 residential resale inspections, 12 notices of violation sent, 3 complaint inspections, 7 signs removed and 4 fire inspections. A total of \$14,380.00 in fees and \$3,200 in escrow fees were collected.
- G. Boards and Commissions.** Vice Chair Magne reported that the Historical Commission has submitted their May and June minutes. She noted that the Open House of the Octagonal Schoolhouse was attended by over 90 people for the 250th Anniversary celebration, with the

history of penmanship in this Country told and demonstrated by expert Robert Hurford, as well as the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Robert Lloyd.

Scott McBurney reported that the Environmental Advisory Council met in April, May, and June. He mentioned that the Anchor Run Streambank Project, PFAS and DEP investigation into it in local well water, and community engagement through communication as is being managed by Savvy Citizen were subjects of discussion.

The Planning Commission submitted their minutes for June. They discussed the proposed data center ordinance and are continuing to parse amendments to the proposed Jointure sign ordinance.

- H. Township Manager.** Manager Crandell reported that 68 people have signed up for the Savvy Citizen App and encouraged residents to stay connected to what is happening in the Township by using the App. She also reported that new office hours will begin on Monday, July 27, with the Administrative Office being open from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Authorization to Sell Public Works Assets on Municibid, Resolution 2026-17.** Manager Crandell explained that Foreman James has identified some Township assets that are no longer needed to help offset costs for future equipment purchases. He recommended three items to be placed on Municibid online auction including the 1964 Galion grader, the 2005 John Deere 72-inch zero turn mower, and the Varitech 1,300-gallon brine sprayer, brine storage tank and briner maker with a reserve of \$48,000. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, Resolution 2026-17 to sell the Public Works assets on Municibid was approved.
- B. Consider Approval of Installation Costs for Turbodraft Installation on Dry Hydrant at Parsons Lane.** Foreman James explained that a Turbodraft has been ordered, but a quote for installation which was nearly \$28,000 was much too high. He suggested working with suppliers and the Township Engineer to determine whether Public Works could install it. The Board tabled this item until Foreman James can provide a proposal.
- C. Revisit Sharing the Cost of the Communications Repeater Purchase with the Fire Company.** Chair Pogonowski proposed that the Township pay for the entire cost of the communications repeater rather than sharing the cost with the Fire Company that was approved at the June 22 meeting since the Public Works Department is the prime user of the equipment. The cost for the repeater can be paid from the Cable Fund since the generator updates were less than budgeted. On a motion by Chair Pogonowski, seconded by Treasurer Lloyd, the Board approved paying the entire cost of \$8,548.10 for the communications repeater rather than sharing the cost with the Fire Company. The Fire Company would be responsible for any programming costs needed on their radios in order to communicate with the repeater.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Ken Hone talked about the importance of volunteering. He also requested the Board look at policies and decisions made with respect to commercial and residential properties, and he referenced the property next to his home.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Crandell, Manager