

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL STATED MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, February 26, 2007 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Frank J. Greco. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Greco		Mrs. Martinelli
Mr. Wilson	Mr. Padula	Ms. Fialla

(7-54) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2007. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence:

Mr. Greg Dunn of 306 Kingston Drive thanking the Department of Public Works employees for a job well done with snow and ice removal on February 13th and 14th.

Citizens' Comments:

Dora Packowski of 194 Ridge Street commended the employees of the Department of Public Works for a job well-done on snow removal. Also, questioned who was invited to the Stakeholders' Meeting for the renovations to the Rescue #1 facility representing the Republican Committee.

(7-55) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission, approving the Greco Sub-division of lots as presented. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Frank Greco abstaining.

(7-56) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to accept the recommendation of Chief Guthrie to amend the Manual of Rules and Procedures, Section 8.14.13 C, Procedure for Motor Vehicle Inventories, as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-57) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of Chief Guthrie to adopt the model Taser Policy, pages 10-14 of the model Use of Force Policy. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Wilson voting NO.

(7-58) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vargo to award a bid to Hunter Truck Sales for the purchase of two (2) 2008 Hunter Truck Sales for the purchase of two (2) 2008 International 7400 SFA 4x4 Dump Trucks at a total cost of \$261,168.42 with one-half of that amount coming from line-item 430-740 and the other half coming from 080-427322, if the Penn Center sale is finalized. If the Penn Center sale is not finalized, then one half of that amount will be financed at a rate of 5.42% over a 3, 4 or 5 year period, with that decision to be made in August of 2007. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-59) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to accept the resignation of Nick Slobodnyak from the position of part-time property maintenance officer. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-60) MOVED FIALLA-MARTINELLI to authorize the manager to advertise for the position of part-time property maintenance officer. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-61) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to hold Battle of the Bands on the final day of Community Days, 2007. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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(7-62) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to approve the request of the Monroeville Arts Council and Summerfest to borrow 25 art screens for the 19th Annual Juried Art Event from June 12th to June 26th. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-63) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to authorize elected officials to attend the Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners Spring Convention to be held on May 5, 2007 at a cost of \$50.00 per person. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley stated that she met with Max Mavorvic, the architect working on the Rescue #1 design. She updated the Board as to changes which had been made since the last design presentation, including the switching of the two bathrooms to provide for access to the existing electrical panel, the addition of a second column for each of the two exterior canopies, and the addition of a drinking fountain outside of the restroom area. She questioned whether the Board had a preference for operating windows, or stationary windows. The Board requested that Mrs. Bradley provide them with the differential in cost for this option as well as the architect's opinion.

Mrs. Bradley provided the Board with a new draft of the proposed tax abatement ordinance, prepared by Mr. Matta. This ordinance provides for residential abatement for a period of up to three years at 100%. The ordinance allows for an abatement on not only new residential construction, but also on the rehabilitation of existing dilapidated, condemned residential housing. Ms. Fialla suggested that Mrs. Bradley review the Woodland Hills School District ordinance, which had recently been adopted. Mrs. Bradley also stated that she wanted to look into the County's rehabilitation abatement ordinance as well.

(7-64) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to approve the agreement between the Allegheny County Chiefs of Police Association and Wilkins Township for the donation of one (1) video camera to be placed in the 2007 Dodge Charger. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

1. Commissioner Padula requested that Chief Guthrie contact Mr. Andrews so that he may attend the next meeting of the Board and be officially thanked for the donation of the 2007 Dodge Charger. He questioned whether Mrs. Conrad would be able to provide photographic coverage of Chief Guthrie receiving the keys for the car from Mr. Andrews. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening.
2. Commissioner Fialla questioned whether it was possible for the Township to submit a photograph to the Woodland Hills Progress for publication in the event that Mr. Andrews is not able to attend the meeting. Also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
3. Commissioner Martinelli thanked the Woodland Hills Progress and the residents of Wilkins Township for electing the Century Club to the "Citizen of the Year Award."
4. Commissioner Wilson had no comments.
5. Chairman Greco thanked everyone for their attendance this evening and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners would be held on March 12, 2007.

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(7-65) MOVED FIALLA-MARTINELLI to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted;

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary