

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL STATED MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

The Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, November 24, 2008 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President William G. Wilson. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Wilson		Ms. Fialla
Mr. Padula	Mr. Costa	Mr. Szoko

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held in honor and remembrance of the passing of Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker-Knoll.

(8-281) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2008 with two corrections: Under Motion 8-277, Commissioner Padula was absent. The motion should be adopted 3-1; and under Commissioners' Comments, Commissioner Szoko stated that assessed value has decreased \$16,000. not \$116,000. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Padula abstaining.

Communications:

Mr. Anthony Sorce, Assistant Executive Director of the Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority requesting the Township's position on billing for the increase in ALCOSAN sewage fees for 2009.

(8-282) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to authorize the Manager to notify Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority that the 2009 ALCOSAN rate increase should be passed on to the customers. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Joy Voeltzel, Secretary, Recreation Advisory Board requesting that the Township file a complaint with the Post Master to find out why Township residents did not receive their newsletters; requesting permission to see whether or not the newsletters can be taken to the Pittsburgh Post Office; and requesting permission to limit the space allowed for newsletter articles.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Bill Macko of 106 Ivy Street questioned why three no parking signs were put up on Ivy Street.

Mr. Jerry Meyer of 103 Linhart Street thanked Mr. Vargo for his cooperation in permitting VFC #1, VFC #4 and Chalfant Fire Department to utilize the area across from the Community Center for training and thanked Mr. Vargo for putting up new signs for the Fire Departments.

Ms. Rhonda Lazarus of 221 Farnsworth questioned comments made in a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette news article from November 20, 2008.

2009 Budget Update:

Mrs. Bradley reminded the Board that final adoption of the 2009 General Fund Budget is scheduled for December 8, 2008; and provided the Board with amended budgets for the Capital Reserve and Emergency Management Funds. The Capital Reserve beginning balance was increased by \$5,000. It was originally anticipated that refurbished MDT's would be purchased from this fund in 2008. Since the Township is working with Forest Hills and Churchill on a joint grant from Representative Costa for new MDT's, the refurbished units will not be purchased and therefore, the beginning balance was increased for 2009. In addition, the expense line-item for Assessment Appeals was increased by \$5,000. The Emergency Management Fund revenues were increased for

the Bullet Proof Vest Grant (\$4,000) and the MDT Grant (\$22,300). On the expense side, the MDT's were added and funding for Police Radios was increased.

(8-283) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to approve the terms of the agreement, as outlined in correspondence dated November 18, 2008 from Marshall Bond providing for the collection of the Township's mercantile tax, business privilege tax and local service tax by the Municipality of Monroeville Tax Office; authorizing the Solicitor to meet with Mr. Dice, Solicitor for Monroeville, to amend the proposed contract language to meet with the approved parameters and prepare the documents for execution by both bodies; authorizing the manager to advertise various ordinances to enhance the collection and authorizing the Manager to direct PAMS to provide the appropriate documentation to Monroeville for the collection of these taxes beginning January 1, 2009. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-284) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Wilkins and the Borough of Forest Hills and the Borough of Churchill providing that the Township will apply for and administer grant funding from the Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$54,322.31 for the purchase of MDT's for each of the communities and further authorizing the appropriate officials to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-285) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to advertise the Right to Know Ordinance for adoption. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-286) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board, approving a three year contract between the Township of Wilkins and Tropical Amusements for the provision of amusement rides at the annual Summer Festival. The contract terms for 2009 remain unchanged, but the 2010-2011 terms are open to negotiation. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-287) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to read Resolution #12-2008 by title only. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION No. 12-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-2006, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 09-07, KNOWN AS THE SCHEDULE OF FEES, ARTICLE 1, TO AMEND THE ZONING FEE SCHEDULE.

(8-288) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to adopt Resolution #12-2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-289) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize the Manager to advertise the 2009 Schedule of Meetings, as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-290) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to join the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce for the year 2009 at a cost of \$455.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-291) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize Mr. Hill to attend a seminar presented by the Local Government Academy entitled “Fight Blight” to be held on December 4, 2008 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the RMU Sports Center on Neville Island at a cost of \$35.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioner Fialla thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting; thanked Mr. Wilson for observing a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting on behalf of Catherine Baker-Knoll; thanked the Volunteer Fire Companies for all of their efforts to keep everyone safe; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked the residents to drive safely on their way home.

Commissioner Costa wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting. He also cautioned the participants to drive home safely.

Commissioner Szoko thanked the Police Department for a job well done, especially Sergeant Lamb; requested that Mrs. Bradley provide additional information on the savings from refuse fees; questioned whether retired police officers receive lifetime benefits; questioned the whereabouts of the Automatic Electronic Defibrillators which the Board approved several months ago; questioned a grant of \$1,000 from several years ago for the purchase of AED’s; questioned expenses related to the Industrial Development Fund and requested that Mr. Zemet be contacted and invited to a meeting to advise the Board of his activities at the Showcase site.

Commissioner Padula questioned Chief Guthrie regarding a planned demonstration at the CFU; requested an update on the installation of Opticom’s at the red lights on Route 22; questioned whether or not funding had been requested to install opticom units in the other six police vehicles; and requested that Mr. Hill provide an update on the Eastmont School Building demolition.

Commissioner Wilson stated that the Board of Commissioners met in executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss two legal items; stated that he would review the parking situation that Mr. Macko complained of this evening; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked that they be careful going home.

(8-292) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary

