

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL STATED MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008

The Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, October 27, 2008 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President William G. Wilson. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Wilson	Mr. Costa
Mr. Padula	Mr. Szoko

Ms. Fialla was absent.

(8-271) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Communications:

Fran Bradley, Director of Government and Community Affairs, dated October 16, 2008, advising of increases in rates beginning on December 1, 2008. Most services will increase by \$2.00 - \$3.00 per month.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill of 405 Kingston Drive reported an aggressive driver incident that occurred on Kingston Drive.

Chief Keith Guthrie reported that he had received a communication from Mr. John Karney of Traffic Systems regarding the repair of the traffic signal at Route 22 and Penn Center Boulevard and that Mr. Karney was requesting a meeting with the Township to further discuss these repairs.

Ms. Rhonda Lazarus of 221 Farnsworth Drive questioned the Board as to what the I.D.A. is and why the Township did not request funding for a police car instead of for the Community Center. Also questioned whether or not a resident had the ability to review the solicitor's bills.

Presentation of 2007 Audit: Mr. Robert Tomasic presented the 2007 Audit to the Board of Commissioners and indicated that there were no material misstatements in the Township's financial statements, and no findings. He also spoke about the new GASB requirements and the need to continue to provide training to administrative staff in order to provide for these new requirements.

2009 Budget Mrs. Bradley stated that the Township has now received the premiums for 2009 hospitalization. Adjustments to this draft of the budget indicate those premiums, which were slightly less than the original proposed budget. This draft also includes \$2,100 in donations to the C.C.Mellor Memorial Library as well as an additional \$6,100 in attorney's fees due to the fact that the decision rendered in the declaratory judgement has now been appealed.

(8-272) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the land development for Pitt Tool and Die as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(8-273) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to award the critical sewer repair bid to Investment and Enterprise at a bid price of \$102,125. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

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(8-274) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to authorize the TCVCOG to pay \$13,000 to Lutterman Excavating for the demolition of 838-840 Larimer Avenue. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(8-275) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to write Proclamations for the following members of Volunteer Fire Company #3 : Mr. Hank Maroda, Mr. Dave Shafer and Mr. Bob Skrbin for sixty years of service; and Mr. Bill Gabriel for forty-five years of service. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Szoko thanked Chief Guthrie for doing all the legwork to get the new car; discussed a referendum that will be placed on the ballot relative to additional debt for water and sewer infrastructure, stated that he still wants to decrease spending without necessarily decreasing services to the community and that the Rotary will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast with the Wilkins Township and Churchjill Borough Fire Departments on November 9th. All net profits will go to the fire companies. Commissioner Szoko also suggested that the Township review whether or not business taxes could be reduced by 50% for new businesses.

Commissioner Padula thanked the department heads and Mrs. Bradley for their work on the audit; reminded the residents that Friday is Halloween. The Eastmont Parade will begin at 5:00 PM and Trick-Or-Treat will follow from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM; reminded residents to turn back their clocks this Saturday night and change the battery in their smoke detectors; and thanked all of the individuals who contributed to the blood drive held on behalf of Jeff Wagner at the fire station last week. The blood collected will help 328 individuals.

Commissioner Costa thanked Mr. Tomasic and Mrs. Bradley for their work on the audit; asked all residents to be extra cautious on Friday night during trick-or-treat and stated that the Pumpkin Patch Party held by the Recreation Advisory Board this past Saturday was a success and well attended.

Commissioner Wilson thanked Mr. Tomasic and Mrs. Bradley for the nice job that they did on the audit and reminded Ms. Lazarus that she can always schedule a meeting with Mrs. Bradley to discuss issues and questions outside of the meetings; and also stated that we have a balanced budget and as always, Wilkins Township residents can expect the biggest bang for their buck.

(8-276) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary