

Mr. Doug Narin of 328 Frazier Drive stated that it is unthinkable that ProCare did not do an audit of their books in order to make a determination that the amount claimed as refundable is accurate.

Ms. Patty Stewart of 118 Gardenia Drive spoke about the need to continue to receive both financial and volunteer aid for the Community Days event and other recreational activities planned and performed by the Recreation Advisory Board.

Citizens' Comments:

Denny Palmer of 217 Penhurst Drive questioned how the Township receives Mercantile Taxes, whether these tax payments come directly to the Township, or are handled by a third party and also questioned what the responsibility of the tax collector in this matter would be.

EMERGENCY MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007 – PAGE TWO

Brian Schill from Congressman Tim Murphy's office offered the Congressman's help to the township in this time of crisis. He offered to schedule a meeting with the Board and Congressman Murphy.

(7-113) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to escrow the 2007 ProCare tax payment in the amount of \$1,012,318.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-114) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to rescind the award of the 2007 Paving Program to Victor Paving and directing Mr. Vargo to develop a revised paving program. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-115) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to table any action on Community Days until April 30, 2007. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-116) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to authorize the Solicitor to appoint special legal counsel to aid in the ProCare Tax Appeal. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Padula thanked everyone for their attendance this evening and for wanting to hear what is really transpiring instead of the "word on the street." He further stated that the ProCare tax appeal is such a surprise and that all of the Board members care about what is going on and are trying to be proactive. The Township has not received any documentation to establish any type of case on ProCare's behalf. He is the first one to admit that he does not have all the answers, but we all need to work together and quit listening to the "b.s." on the street. Mr. Padula stated that he has been on the Board since 1999 and that there is a lot going on in Wilkins Township. He is confident that the Township will work out the issues with ProCare.

Commissioner Fialla reminded the residents that their concerns affect the Board member too. She thinks that what the taxpayers want from the Board is to spend the money we have wisely. If the residents are definitely coming to the meeting on the 30th, then they should help the Board to identify those things that are important to them in the community. She thanked the residents for their attendance this evening.

Commissioner Wilson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated that Mr. Gibbons and Dr. Szoko had some good points. He also stated that each Board of Commissioners strives to do things better than the Board that preceded it, and by the way of examples of the good things that have occurred in this administration, he pointed to the Vinesian Place plan of development and the fact that Penn Center had recently sold for \$71 million. He asked everyone to try to make it to the appeal hearing on May 17, 2007.

Commissioner Martinelli thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She stated that we do have some critical issues facing us at this time. She is especially concerned about the loss of Community Days this year and the effect that the ProCare appeal may have upon employee wages. The Board of Commissioners did not foresee this. She stated that the Board is doing the best that they can do and requested that anyone with suggestions for donations for Community Days contact her or Ms. Stewart.

Commissioner Greco stated that everyone who has been on the Board has intentions of doing what is in the best interest for the Township. Anyone with advice is welcome to speak with the Board or the Manager – the door is always open. He also stated that the Board is interested in having as many residents as possible at the next meeting.

(7-117) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary