

W/T VFD #4 reported the following: 9 Fire Calls, man-hours 57.5; 2 Fire Schools, man-hours 44.25; 4 Drills, man-hours 46.75; 5 Work Details, man-hours 12.5; 1 Driver's Training, man-hours 12; 2 Meetings, man-hours 46.5. Total man-hours for month 219.5.

Building Permits issued during Month of March 2011:

BP 2689-CS, George Virsack, 217 Wallace Ave. – Garage Addition – Cost \$17,000.00

BP 2690-CS, 661 Larimer Ave., - Demolition – Cost \$6,200.00.

BP 2691-CS, 685 Larimer Ave., - Demolition – Cost \$6,200.00

The Township received \$3,114.08 in deed transfer tax in the month of March, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of February. As of the end of March, this account is at 19.4%, or 5.6% under budget. The budget for real estate transfer tax was reduced by \$10,000 (from \$45,000 to \$35,000) between 2010 and 2011.

March 2011 Tax Collector's Report:

Balance Collectable – Beginning of month	\$1,499,267.75
Less Face Collections	-348,122.18
Balance Collectable – End of the Month	1,151,145.57
Face Amount of Collections	348,122.18
Less: Discounts	-6,962.55
Total Cash Collected	341,159.63
Overpayment Refunds	87.14

Act 511 Tax Report for March 2011:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$43,259.89	Previous Year	\$105,078.04	Difference
Current YTD	151,622.14	Previous YTD	155,870.54	(\$4,248.40)

Local Service:

Current Month	16,686.54	Previous Year	23,998..32	Difference
Current YTD	23,470.36	Previous YTD	50,124.90	(\$26,654.54)

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	2,256.59	Previous Year	1,256.78	Difference
Current YTD	33,179.27	Previous YTD	16,221.07	\$16,958.20

The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board Report is on file in the Manager's Office

Amber Yon's monthly Engineer's Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

(99-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the schedule of bills, in the amount of \$229,771.95 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(100-11) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the Manager to advertise the proposed Tobacco Free Playgrounds Ordinance for adoption. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(101-11) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to authorize the Solicitor to determine the legality of permitting members of the Fire Companies to enforce fire lane violations in Wilkins Township, instructing Mr. Hill to seek additional information from Monroeville and requesting that the Fire Companies advise of their interest in pursuing this. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(102-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to agree to make an allocation to VFC #4 in 2012, as opposed to 2013. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting "NO".

(103-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Solicitor to amend Resolution #15-2006 to permit the use of Township[funds for the re-chassis of fire pumpers and rescue trucks. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(104-11) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize Chief Krancic to seek funding for the purchase of four AR15 patrol rifles through the District Attorney's office. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(105-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the amendment of the rules and regulations for the rental of the Community Center to require the renter to either be a Township resident, or be sponsored by a Township resident. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(106-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to approve Mr. Bruener's request to have two public works employees attend a training program sponsored by the Local Government Academy entitled "In the Weeds", which will be held on April 14, 2011 in Forest Hills at a cost of \$35.00 per employee. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(107-11) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept Mr. Bruener's recommendation to extend the contract with Morton Salt for the 2011/2012 season with an estimated increase of \$1.08 per ton, or \$52.48. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(108-11) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to approve the request of the Churchill Area Environmental Council for a donation of \$50. toward a graduation award for Alexander Neal, a Woodland Hills High School Senior, for his winning project of turning two dilapidated Courtyards inside the Woodland Hills High School Library into outdoor classrooms. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting "NO".

(109-11) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of Chief Krancic and approving a handicapped parking space t 104 Wallace Avenue. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Szoko presented a four step plan that he believes will save the Township money and help WHEMS find a new facility. First, he believes that VFC #1 and #3 should merge; second, WHEMS should assume the space at #1; third, the two remaining VFC's would receive an annual allocation of \$50,000 each year. Fourth, every three years, the Township would make a \$100,000 contribution to one of the two fire companies. Commissioner Szoko also commended the Recreation Advisory Board for their ingenuity in spending for the Easter party; reiterated his belief that the Township must "Do more with less;" talked about the pending projected deficits and reminded the Board that a Finance Committee meeting will be held prior to the next regular meeting beginning at 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Fialla commented upon an article that she read in the Winter edition of the Municipal Reporter regarding cost savings associated with Police Departments who have been accredited and thanked the members of the fire companies for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Costa reminded the Commissioners that a Recreation Advisory Board meeting, initially scheduled to be held last Tuesday, will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 PM at the Community Center and congratulated the Recreation Advisory Committee for the great job they did with the Easter party.

Commissioner Padula cautioned those writing news stories about the meeting to not publish that the Township is consolidating fire department and moving people around, because at this point, it is all part of the on-going discussion. The Public Safety Committee had a positive 2 hour meeting last week and he does not want that to get blown open because of tonight's discussion, Mr. Padula also stated that the role of the Commissioner is not to just oversee one aspect of municipal government, but to oversee all aspects of municipal government and that all Commissioners should be participating in all events – whether they are Easter parties or Public Safety Committee meetings. Mr. Padula also commented on the need to purchase patrol rifles.

Commissioner Martinelli stated that the Township has been a member of the Churchill Area Environmental Council for many years and as a part of that membership, has annually donated funds toward a scholarship for a student seeking to continue his/her education in the environmental sciences field; thanked Commissioner Padula for volunteering with the Spaghetti Dinner and for all his volunteer service in the community; reminded the members of the Board that there will be a Shared Services meeting at the Community Center beginning at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 21, 2011; commented upon the ALOM conference that she attended over the weekend at her own expense and thanked everyone for taking time out of their schedules to attend the meeting this evening.

(110-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary