



Communications:

Chief Edward Krancic submitted a letter to the Board of Commissioners commending Officers Lehew and Schlanger for their quick and aggressive apprehension of the individual responsible for assaulting Ms. Maxwell and also for their ability to maintain the positive interaction of the witnesses. Officer Lehew's and Officer Schlanger's professionalism and dedication reflects positively on all Wilkins Township Police Officers.

(9-129) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the disbursement of \$50,000. from the Emergency Contingency Fund for the acquisition and demolition of 512 Washington Avenue, with funds to be reimbursed in accordance with Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority Grant Project #32.1.11. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-130) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the appropriate officials to execute Contract #GHG080022 between the Township of Wilkins and the Department of Environmental Protection for the Greenhouse Gas Pilot Grant between Wilkins, Forest Hills and Penn Hills. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

CDBG Projects:

Mrs. Bradley advised the Board that pre-applications for this years' Community Development Block Grants are due to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments no later than May 20, 2009. She stated that she spoke to Mr. McKeever today about recommended projects and that he suggested that the Township consider, along with demolition, a materials-only bid for road reconstruction in low-to-moderate income benefit areas. She will explore this further with Mr. Vargo. In the meantime, she advised the Board to review the projects list that she provided with their packets and to make any recommendations to her prior to the next meeting so that a narrative/engineering study may be done before the Commissioners vote on a list of approved projects at the next meeting.

(9-131) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the land development application submitted by Kuhn's Market, contingent upon the finalization of outstanding items and the approval of the Engineer and Fire Marshal. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-132) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vargo to award the low bid for asphalt, per the SHACOG Asphalt Bid, to Lindy Paving. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Community center grand opening:

Mrs. Bradley announced that the Recreation Advisory Board would be sponsoring a grand opening celebration for the Community Center on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Szoko questioned whether Bill Macko had offered the use of an apprentice program for free labor for the Community Center; questioned whether or not Mr. Costa had promised to boycott the Kuhn's Shopping Center if political signs were not removed and stated that racial comments had been written on the door of Harco's.

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Commissioner Costa stated that as he told Ms. Lazarus, Mr. Szoko should be careful about making accusations without the ability to back them up; commented Chief Krancic for the great job he is doing with the Police Department and stated that the goal of this Board is to make the Police Department more community oriented to the point that if an officer knocks on a resident's door, the resident will recognize the officer.

Commissioner Padula thanked Sylvia Martinelli and the volunteers who participated in the clean-up; thanked the individuals who were honored this evening for jumping in and opening their mouths; thanked Officer Lehew and Officer Schlanger for their hard work and recognized that Mr. James Dick, candidate for Commissioner was present in the audience.

Commissioner Fialla thanked Rhonda Lazarus for cleaning up Harrison Road by herself during the cleanup; thanked Chief Krancic, the Public Works Department and the staff who all participated in the clean-up; questioned Chief Krancic as to whether he believed that the creation of a regional police department would increase or decrease community oriented policing opportunities for the department; congratulated the ladies and gentlemen recognized at the beginning of the meeting and congratulated Officers Lehew and Schlanger.

Commissioner Wilson thanked everyone for their attendance; thanked Mr. Dick for his honesty when questioned about why his name was removed from political campaign signs and requested that the members of the Board discontinue bringing rumors to the meetings.

(9-133) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary