

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012

The Regular Meeting of Monday, August 13, 2012 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli   Mr. Boyd   Ms. Criner  
Mr. Costa   Mr. Wilson

(197-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of July 9 2012, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 9, 2012 as presented. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Boyd abstaining.

Communications:

Mrs. Bradley read an email from Autumn Vogel with the Heinz Interns advising the Township that the recent grant application filed for the grant "Produce Change" had been rejected.

Mrs. Martinelli read correspondence submitted by Sharon Polski of 798 Greensburg Pike thanking Officer Lehew for his diligence in recovering her laptop which was stolen from her home and requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider installing a street light in front of her home.

Citizens' Comments:

Chardae Seligsohn of 106 Hart Drive requested that the Board of Commissioners consider waiving the fee for her application for a variance before the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Seligsohn's three year old son, Billy, has autism and in order to protect him, it is necessary for his parents to install a 6' high fence around the entire property. Ms. Seligsohn stated that her son has twice recently slipped past his caregivers and was found once in the neighbor's garage and once was almost hit by a car on the street. The property next to 106 Hart has a pool, which is very concerning to the family. The fence will provide a measure of protection necessary for her child.

(198-12) Moved WILSON to waive the fee for Ms. Seligsohn to apply for a variance before the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

(199-12) Moved MARTINELLI-COSTA to reduce the fee for a variance hearing to \$200 for Ms. Seligsohn due to the medical necessity presented at the meeting to be used for the purpose of requesting an increase in the permitted height of a fence at the September, 2012 meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was adopted with a 3-2 vote with Mr. Wilson and Ms. Criner abstaining.

Mr. Steve Friedman of 1481 Laurel Drive questioned the Board about Walmart and the process that would need to be followed if Walmart were interested in locating in Wilkins Township. Mr. Friedman also expressed his unequivocal opposition to the location of a Walmart in the Township.

REPORTS:

The Solicitor's Report is on file in the Manager's Office

The Engineers Report is on file in the Manager's Office

Police Report for July 2012:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	330	257
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	26	45
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	11	14
Criminal Offenses Cleared	7	13
Traffic Citations Issued	21	14
Parking Tags Issued	0	0
Monies collected during July	\$ 3,425.09	\$1,671.25

Mr. Bruener's PWD Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

Fire Companies:

WTVFD #1 reported the following for the month of May 2012: 11 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 44.50; 4 Drills, Man-Hours 69; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 24; Total Man-Hours 137.50. For the month of June 2012: 15 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 42.50; 2 Drills, Man-Hours 33; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 18; 7 Special Work Details, Man-Hours 146.50; Total Man-Hours 240.

WTVFD #4 reported the following for June 2012: 13 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 38.50; 19 Work Details, Man-Hours 376; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 16; Total Man-Hours 430.5.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for July 2012: 17 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 70.56; 2 Work Details, Man-Hours 26; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 28; Total Man-Hours 124.5.

Building Permits Issued for July: #2756-4201 Greensburg Pike, AG Pool \$54.00; #2757-975 Roland Rd., Deck \$79.00; #2758-162 Churchill Rd., House Repairs \$107.00; #2759-300 Penn Ctr. Blvd., Site Plan Review \$525.00; Interior Alterations \$626.50; #2760-777 Penn Ctr. Blvd., Addition \$62.72; #2761-3386 Wm. Penn Hwy., Demolition \$163.00.

Deed Transfer Tax: The Township received \$833.00 in deed transfer tax in the month of July, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of June.

George Porado's Tax Collector's Report for July:

Balance Collectable – beginning of the month	\$118,898.66
Additions – Total Adjustments	\$ 280.61
Total Collectable	\$119,179.27
Face Collections	\$ -8,541.00
Balance Collectable – End of the month	\$110,638.27
Face amount of collections	\$ 8,541.00
Plus Penalties	\$ 848.94
Less Discounts	\$ -1.03
Total Cash Collected	\$ 9,388.91

Act 511 for July 2012:

<u>Earned Income Taxes:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$29,744.66	Previous Year	\$67,550.17
Current YTD	\$426,853.63	Previous YTD	\$409,586.67
			\$17,266.96
2012 Budget-\$459,000			

<u>Local Service Tax:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$1,191.78	Previous Year	\$0.00
Current YTD	\$74,026.53	Previous YTD	\$149,978.55
			(\$75,952.02)
2012 Budget-\$145,000			

<u>Business Tax (Mercantile &amp; Business Privilege):</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$3,042.16	Previous Year	\$0.00
Current YTD	\$572,061.31	Previous YTD	\$601,700.56
			(\$29,639.25)
2012 Budget-\$590,000			

(200-12) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to waive the reading of the reports.

(201-12) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$271,817.20, as presented.

Motions 200-12 to 201-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(202-12) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to remand the proposed amendment to the Communications Tower Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to define that these towers are to be located in C-1 and M-1 Zoning Districts.

(203-12) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to approve the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6681 for a donation of \$300 to support the post.

(204-12) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to approve the request of Lisa DiLucente of 135 Sunset Drive for a waiver of the fee for the rental of the Community Center for the purpose of holding a fundraiser to raise money for the funeral expenses of her nephew who passed away unexpectedly.

(205-12) MOVED WILSON- COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Civil Service Board to adopt the newly amended Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

(206-12) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to pay W.A. Petrakis \$32,502.41 representing Payroll Estimate #2 for work substantially complete on the 2012 Dowling Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

(207-12) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to pay Derry Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$99,654.75 representing final payment of the 2012 Roland Road paving Project and further authorizing the appropriate official to execute a change order in the amount of minus \$10,115.25, representing the variance between the bid price and the actual cost.

(208-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to approve the Manager's request to attend the APMM Fall Managers Meeting at the Doubletree in Monroeville on Friday, October 19, 2012 from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM.

(209-12) MOVED COSTA-WILSON to approve Mr. Hill's request to attend the PENNBOC Conference at the Sands Resort Hotel in Bethlehem, PA from Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$359 for the registration, plus the hotel room (cost to be determined).

(210-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to authorize the advertisement of a proposed ordinance adopting Vineseian Place as a public right-of-way.

Motions 202-12 to 210-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Boyd stated that there have been several local accidents recently – two which were fatal – involving a vehicle and an individual on a bicycle. He asked residents to pay attention to and obey the new law which requires that motorists give at least four feet of clearance to bicyclists. If it is not possible to safely provide four feet due to on-coming traffic, motorists are asked to wait to pass until they are able to provide that clearance. Mr. Boyd also commented on the many different recycling opportunities that exist. He mentioned specifically a pay-as-you throw program in Cranberry, where residents are required to pay for refuse removal in an attempt to increase recycling.

Mr. Costa commended Joy Voeltzel and the Recreation Advisory Board for their outstanding job at the Summer Festival.

Mr. Wilson stated that the remainder of Roland Road will be paved next year. He's received several questions on why the Township did not pave the whole road. The Township did not have sufficient funding to do so. The cost of the area paved this year was just shy of \$100,000.

Mrs. Martinelli stated that she was happy that the Recreation Advisory Board did such and outstanding job.

(211-12) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary