



Mr. Robert McGrath commented on the amount of people who were at the meeting and the fact that these individuals should attend meetings on a more frequent basis. He has met several times with both the manager and assistant manager and believes that they are competently performing their duties within the community.

Mr. Steve Lazarro of 717 Thompson Street questioned whether the monthly minute meetings on-line include citizen's comments. Also stated that he is concerned about the amount of litigation in the township and questioned whether the manager could research the amount of litigation in other communities as compared to Wilkins to determine whether it was excessive.

Ms. Mary Jo Palmer of 217 Penhurst questioned who hired Mrs. Bradley.

Mr. N. Leonard Hill of 405 Kingston Drive stated that he is extremely upset with the news article from the August 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Post-Gazette. His particular concern is that, as the code enforcement officer and Fire Marshal in the community, it is his responsibility to perform property inspections in accordance with the newly adopted Township ordinance. In the Post-Gazette, there was a statement that this position may be abused. As a long-standing citizen of the community and a long-standing employee and volunteer of the community, Mr. Hill takes very seriously these types of allegations.

REPORTS:

Police Report for the month of July 2006:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total police calls logged	344	298
Total criminal offenses reported	48	
Criminal arrests/persons charged	26	
Criminal offenses cleared	30	
Traffic citations issued	13	17
Parking tags issued	17	6
Parking citations issued	-0-	4
Monies collected during July 2006	\$14,316.16	\$4,436.27

Mr. Paul Vargo's DPW Report is on file in the Manager's office.

WTVFW #3 reported the following: 24 fires, 1 training session and 11 non-incident activities with total man hours of 189.48.

WTVFW #4 reported the following: 14 fires, 1 fire school, 1 drill, 2 public services and 4 work details with total man hours of 164.

The July 2006 report for Woodland Hills EMS is on file with the above WTVFW reports.

In July 2006 the following building permits were issued: 1 Soffer, Building #4, Suite 18 for interior alteration cost: \$9,132.; 1 Shop 'n Save floral cooler, cost \$11,000.; 1 Demolition Yost Café cost \$39,500.; 1 pool, cost #267.; and 1 Wall Sign.

The Township received \$4,418.27 in Real Estate Transfer Tax during the month of July.

Tax Collector's Report for July 2006:

Balance Collectable	\$ 282,398.72
Additions	2,409.56
Adjusted Collectable	284,808.28
Less face collections for month	4,349.46
Balance collectable	280,458.82
Face amount of collections	4,349.46
Plus Penalties	370.62
Less Discounts	12.86
Total cash collected	\$4,707.22

PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL SERVICES Act 511 TAX REPORT

Earned Income Taxes:

Current month	\$35,209.75	Previous Year	\$ 25,066.38	Difference
Current YTD	361,991.16	Previous YTD	348,650.91	\$13,340.25

Emergency and Municipal Services Tax:

Current month	19,209.96	Previous Year	5,746.00	Difference
Current YTD	194,150.31	Previous YTD	43,306.35	\$150,843.96

Mercantile Tax:

Current month	1,418.75	Previous Year	75.51	Difference
Current YTD	1,101,431.21	Previous YTD	921,238.71	\$180,192.50

Business Privilege Tax:

Current month	21,290.90	Previous Year	3,635.53	Difference
Current YTD	175,374.86	Previous YTD	152,854.14	\$22,520.72

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Matta stated that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session prior to the start of the regular meeting to discuss on-going litigation and personnel issues.

Engineer's Report: Mr. McKeever updated the Board on the 2006 paving program. At the July 27, 2006 meeting, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Solicitor and the Engineer to accept the withdrawal of the low bid submitted by Sciaretti due to an apparent mathematical error in the bid. At that same meeting, the Board awarded the 2006 paving project to A. Folino. Subsequently, Folino corresponded with Mr. McKeever and advised that he believed that the Township's bid documents included the ability for Folino to utilize the PennDot 408 Specifications escalator clause for the price of liquid asphalt. Mr. Matta reviewed this information and advised the Board that, in his opinion, it would be appropriate for Folino to utilize the escalator clause. Therefore, the cost of the paving project is expected to increase between \$14,000. and \$24,000. based upon the asphalt index. Folino has also indicated that due to other commitments, they do not anticipate proceeding with the Township's paving project until October of 2006.

- (6-169) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to authorize the Solicitor to file the Declaration of Takings for temporary easements prepared by the Engineer in conjunction with the Highland Avenue Retaining Wall project. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (6-170) MOVED FIALLA-MARTINELLI to approve the schedule of bills in the amount of \$369,794.79 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (6-171) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to accept the donation of Mr. Nick Andrews for the purchase of a 2007 Dodge Charger in memory of his late father, Manny Andrews, in the amount of \$30,390.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley announced that the Township was successful in obtaining a \$1,000.00 grant from Penn Prime for the purchase of an automatic electronic defibrillator for the Municipal Building.

Mrs. Bradley announced that the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2007 for the Non-uniformed Pension Plan was calculated at \$49,263.04 and the Police Pension Plan at \$194,628.00.

(6-172) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to authorize the action of the Public Safety Chairman and the Township manager to reinstate all General Orders in the Police Department, with the exception of General Order Number 39-06 until such time as the Public Safety Committee has had an opportunity to meet with Chief Guthrie and review these orders, further ordering Chief Guthrie to immediately notify all officers of the department. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Padula stated that he had been a resident of Wilkins Township since 1984. He raised his family here and thinks that Wilkins is a fine community. It is a shame that a handful of residents are causing this much controversy. He believes that Mrs. Bradley's statement says it all and hopes that that is what is in the newspaper. He also thanked the Andrews family for all of their kindness.

Commissioner Fialla questioned whether the Board would need to approve any new General Orders prior to the Chief instituting them. Also thanked Mr. Andrews for his kindness in donating a vehicle to the Police Department.

Commissioner Martinelli requested that Mrs. Bradley get the public's microphone fixed immediately and asked her to determine what the cost of construction would be to install sidewalks from Harrison Road to the Wilkins Township Primary school on Churchill Road – only on the Wilkins Township side. Finally, apologized for the actions of Mr. Martinelli.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he is very proud of the accomplishments of VFC #1 and has been a lifetime member. He congratulated the 12 and under girls East Suburban Softball League on their championship and thanked Ms. Sherry Young and Ms. Nanette Mancusso for improving the Eastmont sign. He further discussed the newspaper stories of late which detailed the relationship between the former Irene Pohl and the former George Porado. He does not believe that people's personal lives should be the subject of Newspaper lawsuits. However, he only has four cheeks and he has turned all four.

Mr. Greco thanked all of those members of the audience who not only came to the meeting but also stayed through its' conclusion. He further thanked the Andrews family for their consideration in the donation of a police vehicle to the Township.

(6-173) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary