

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010

The Regular Meeting of Monday, August 9, 2010 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Mrs. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli Ms. Fialla
Mr. Padula Mr. Costa Mr. Szoko**

** Mr. Szoko attended Executive Session, but had to leave to attend the Act 32 Meeting at the Monroeville Municipal Building. Firms are being interviewed for Earned Income Tax Collector.

(212-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of Monday, July 12, 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(213-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 12, 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Communications:

Sally Bogie, Library Director for C.C. Mellor Memorial Library submitted correspondence requesting the release of the 2010 allocation for the Library..

(214-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA authorizing the release of budgeted funding for the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

David Mazza, Southwestern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste Task Force Administrator for the Pennsylvania Resources Council, Regional Director, submitted correspondence advising the Township of a planned household hazardous waste collection scheduled for September 18, 2010 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Monroeville Mall and requesting that the Township consider making a donation to help defray some of the on-going costs experienced by the Resources Council in these collection efforts.

(215-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to make a contribution in the amount of \$125 to the Pennsylvania Resources Council. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

The Wilkins Township Democratic Committee submitted a request to reserve the use of the Community Center for two meetings, one on Thursday, August 12, 2010 and the second on Thursday, September 16, 2010. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 PM and are for the purpose of continued planning for the Spaghetti Dinner, which will be held on October 17, 2010.

(216-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the request of the Democratic Committee to use the Community Center on Thursday, August 12, 2010 and Thursday, September 16, 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Senator Jay Costa submitted correspondence regarding the Township submission of Resolution #16-2010 to his office, which opposed Senate Bill 1357, establishing a Boundary Review Committee. Senator Costa thanked the Township for their opinion, but, he believes it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth that the ramifications of mergers be thoroughly studied on both social and economic levels and that there are positive and negative aspects of both consolidated townships and the status-quo.

Rose and Jessica Smeltzer, along with the Pitcairn-Turtle Creek-Wilkins Long Term Storm Recovery Team submitted a thank you letter to the Township and the many volunteers who aided and continue to provide aid to those individuals who were victims of last years' floods.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Michael Boyd of 105 George Street questioned whether or not the Township had taken any actions relative to drilling for gas and provided the Board with information from the recent meeting with Allegheny County on this topic.

Reports:

Police Report for July 2010:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	299	291
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	30	24
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	8	10
Criminal Offenses Cleared	8	10
Traffic Citations Issued	44	24
Parking Tags Issued	14	10
Parking Citations Issued	4	0
Monies collected – July	\$9,257.32	\$2,262.67

Mr. Brueners' DPW Report for July is on file in the Manager's Office.

W/T VFD #3 reported the following: 15 NFIRS , man-hours 125.38; 4 non-incident activities, man-hours 34.25. Total man-hours for month 159.63.

Building Permits issued during July 2010:

- 2648-C-S, - G. Yocca, 4063 Grnsbg Pike – Deck Stairs – Cost \$750.
- 2649-CS. - J. Gagetta, 3568 Ridgewood Dr – Roof over Deck – Cost \$980.
- 2652-CS – J. Krusinski, 1413 Jefferson Hgts Rd - Deck – Cost \$7,500.
- 2656-CS – D. Keenan, 978 Grnsbg Pike – Deck – Cost \$1,600.
- 2657-CS – Mitsu Antolik, 585 Clugston Ave – Deck – Cost \$4,816.
- 2661-CS - Carrie Zayas, 4209 Grnsbg Pike – Deck – Cost -0-
- 2653-CS J. Antolik, 612 McMasters Ave – Stru Roof Repair – Cost \$1,700.
- 2654-CS - Maggiore/Bango, 847 Railroad St – Stru porch Rep. – Cost \$2,000.
- 2655-CS - D. Richardson, 528 Lucia Rd – Pool – Cost \$3,000.
- 2663-CS - A. Gardner, 408 Dunbar Dr. – Pool – Cost \$1,983.
- 2658-CS - Dynamic Bldg.,3455 Wm Penn Hwy – Demolition – Cost \$100,000.
- 2659-CS - Mark Ivanco, 301 Saw Mill Run – Garage Add'n – Cost \$7,000.
- 2660-CS - NAI Acquisition, 3461-3469 Wm Penn Hwy – Retail Plaza (Shell)
Cost - \$714,548.

The Township received \$4,356.83 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of July representing deed transfers which were recorded by the County in June. Total Real Estate Transfer Tax collections to date are: \$22,673.97 or 50.39% of budget.

Tax Collectors Report for July 2010:

Balance collectable – beginning of month	\$138,601.72
Deductions – (Exonerations)	-815.94
Adjusted Collectable	137,785.78
Less – Face3 Collections	-40,354.80
Balance Collectable – End of month	97,430.98
Face Amount of Collections	40,430.98

Plus: Penalties	3,923.34
Less: Discounts	-22.43
Total Cash collected	44,255.71
Face Refunds	815.94

Act 511 Tax Report:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$44,797.15	Previous Year	\$40,292.26	Difference
Current YTD	393,752.62	Previous YTD	423,513.02	(\$29,760.40)

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	6,577.13	Previous Year	20,235.52	Difference
Current YTD	99,770.44	Previous YTD	92,153.94	\$7,616.50

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	7,712.84	Previous Year	34,401.52	Difference
Current YTD	526,145.85	Previous YTD	419,922.73	\$106,223.12

The Engineer's Report for July 2010 is on file in the Manager's Office.

(217-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to approve the schedule of bills in the amount of \$282,332.10 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(218-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to table the award of a contract for the Balint Lane Bridge Project to permit the Manager, Public Works Supervisor and Engineer to come up with alternative solutions for the replacement of the structure at a lower cost. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(219-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to advertise for a public hearing to be held on September 13, 2010 for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed ordinance which would amend the temporary and political signs as well as the height of free standing signs in the zoning ordinance. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Presentation of the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan:

Mrs. Bradley provided the Board with a copy of the Township's MMO for the Police Pension Plan for 2011. Because the Township has been determined to be a Distress Level 1 under Act 44 of 2009, the Board of Commissioners may elect to voluntarily pay a reduced (75% of the amortization payment) MMO for the next two years (2011 and 2012). The total amount of the MMO for 2011 has been calculated at \$303,807. With a 25% reduction of the amortization payment, that amount would be \$256,221. The Board must make a decision on this issue no later than October 31, 2010. It will be discussed more fully during budget negotiations, which will begin next month.

(220-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to award the low bid for Rock Salt for the 2010-2011 winter season to Morton International, Inc., at a low bid price of \$51.40 per ton. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIC RECORDS IN CONFORMANCE WITH RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-2009 AND THE MUNICIPAL RECORD MANUAL APPROVED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 16, 2008

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIC RECORDS IN CONFORMANCE WITH RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-2009 AND THE MUNICIPAL RECORD MANUAL APPROVED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 16, 2008.

(221-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Resolution #17-2010 and #18-2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(222-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the purchase of fire extinguishers, per the work order dated July 29, 2010 in the amount of \$1,567.75 for the Township facilities and vehicles, contingent upon the review and recommendation of Mr. N. Leonard Hill, Fire Marshal. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Padula thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.

Commissioner Fialla questioned the Solicitor as to the possibility of fast-tracking an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the repair/replacement of existing nonconforming structures; and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Costa thanked Mr. Hill for all of his hard work with the Township. He thinks Mr. Hill is one of the hardest working employees in the Township and he looks forward to reading his reports each month.

Commissioner Martinelli commented upon a number of abandoned, overgrown, infested residential properties within the Township and the inability of the Township to quickly address these structures; announced that there will be a rally at the Wolverina on September 4 and that the County will be baiting for raccoons on August 23, 2010 on land. The bait is not harmful to pets, but if seen by residents, should be picked up with gloves and properly disposed of. Mrs. Martinelli also noted that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of discussing an item of personnel and a legal issue.

(223-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary