

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Regular Meeting of Monday, February 12, 2007 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Frank J. Greco. A quorum was present as follows:

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| Mr. Greco | | Mrs. Martinelli |
| Mr. Wilson | Mr. Padula | Ms. Fialla |

(7-41) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to approve the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of January 29, 2007 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Richard DeRiso , 318 Braddesley Drive requesting consideration for a position on the Planning Commission.

(7-42) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to appoint Mr. Richard DeRiso of 318 Braddesley Drive to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Margaret Krasik through December 31, 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Ms. Christy R. Goss, President of the Penhurst Civic Association requesting consideration of the Board in donating \$200.00 to the Association for the purpose of landscaping the entrances to Penhurst as permitted in the First Class Township Code and authorized in previous years.

(7-43) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to authorize the donation of \$200. to the Penhurst Civic Association. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Mr. Lou Siyufy, LJS Development Corporation, submitting a formal proposal to the Township to enter into a Lease Agreement for the purpose of installing a telecommunications tower on Township property behind the Municipal Building.

(7-44) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to authorize the Manager to meet with Mr. Siyufy to gather more information regarding his proposal so that the Board may explore it further. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Wilson voting NO.

4. Ms. Elizabeth Kostandinu, 116 Gardenia Drive expressing interest in being appointed to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

(7-45) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to appoint Elizabeth Kostandinu of 117 Gardenia Drive to the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board through December 31, 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

1. Ms. Suzy Grant of 100 Larchwood questioned the article that was in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette regarding the largest mercantile tax payer in Wilkins.
2. Christy Goss, President of the Penhurst Civic Association requested that the Township take action against the owner of property on Braddesley Drive for property maintenance.

(7-46) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to waive the reading of reports. The motion was defeated by the following votes: Greco, Padula, Fialla – NO, Martinelli and Wilson YES.

Police Report for January 2007

| | 2006 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Police Calls Logged | 279 | 255 |
| Total Criminal Offenses Reported | 25 | 40 |
| Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged | 32 | 13 |
| Criminal Offenses Cleared | 19 | 12 |
| Traffic Citations Issued | 27 | 15 |
| Parking Tags Issued | 21 | 5 |
| Parking Citations Issued | 13 | 0 |
| Total Monies Collected during January | \$4,539.70 | \$3,123.66 |

1. Police: Mr. Padula questioned whether the Chief had taken any further action on the acquisition of tasers as requested by the Wage Policy Committee. Chief Guthrie stated that he needs to review and make changes to the model policy and determine a training officer prior to contacting the District Attorney’s office to request tasers. Chief Guthrie is to have the revised policy to the manager for the solicitor’s review prior to the next meeting

2. Department of Public Works: In lieu of reading the report for Public Works, Mr. Vargo requested that a statement be read addressing comments in the newspaper regarding the Township’s progress in compliance with the EPA Consent Decree and the cost of remodeling the Community Center.

Mr. Vargos’ Department of Public Works Report is on file in the Managers Office.

WFD #3 reported the following for the month of January 2007: 16 fires with man-hours of 26.92, 2 Training Sessions with man-hours of 50. And 7 Activities with man-hours of 217. Total man hours for the month: 293.92.

The WHEMS Report for January is on file in the Manager’s Office

Building Permits issued during January 2007:

- One (1) Porch Roof – Greg Casher, 212 Sunset Drive – Cost \$25,000.00
- One (1) New Home – Lot 13, 1648 Vineseian Place – Cost \$200,000.00
- One (1) Sign, 634 Brown Avenue
- One (1) Entrance Foyer – Byzentine, 995 Grnsbg Pk – Cost \$4,000.00
- One (1) Heritage Properties, 3484 Wm Penn Hwy, Interior Alt – cost \$24,000.00
- One (1) Seville Square, 4297 Grnsbg Pk – 3 Emergency Generators – Cost \$1,800.00
- Penn Center:
- Bldg #4, 10th Floor – Sprinkler Alteration – Cost \$27,000.00
- Bldg #5, Emergency Generator – Cost \$40,000.00

Real Estate Transfer Tax for January 2007 \$19,110.88

Tax Collectors Monthly Report for January 2007:

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance Collectable | \$221,542.61 |
| Less Face Collections for month | 183,842.66 |
| Balance Collectable – end of month | 37,969.95 |
| Total refunds to date | 4,340.47 |
| Face Amounts of Collections | 183,842.66 |
| Plus: Penalties | 18,384.28 |
| Total Cash Collected | 202,226.94 |

PA Municipal Services – Act 511 – January 2007

Earned Income Taxes

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Current Month | \$23,663.63 | Previous Year | \$ 31,388.25 | Difference |
| Current YTD | 23,663.69 | Previous YTD | 31,388.25 | (\$7,724.56) |

Emergency & Municipal Services Tax:

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|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Current Month | 1,664.00 | Previous Year | 1,462.40 | Difference |
| Current YTD | 1,664.00 | Previous YTD | 1,462.40 | \$ 201.60 |

Mercantile Tax:

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|---------------|-----|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Current Month | -0- | Previous Year | 2,818.83 | Difference |
| Current YTD | -0- | Previous YTD | 2,818.83 | (\$2,818.83) |

Business Privilege Tax:

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|---------------|-----|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Current Month | -0- | Previous Year | 2,498.88 | Difference |
| Current YTD | -0- | Previous YTD | 2,498.88 | (\$2,498.88) |

3. Solicitor: Mr. Matta stated that he had been ill last week and was therefore unable to provide the Board with an amended tax abatement ordinance. He will provide it to Mrs. Bradley prior to the next meeting for advertisement. Additionally, he stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Vargo once the snow has cleared to review the Nissan sanitary sewer line that has been exposed by water erosion in order to finalize the development.
4. Recreation: Ms. Stewart stated that this years' Easter Party for the children will be held on March 31st from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Elks. Information and reservation forms will be forthcoming in the newsletter. Also, the Recreation Board is moving forward with preparations for this years' Community Days which will be held from June 19th through the 23rd.

(7-47) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board, authorizing the appropriate officials to execute contracts, contingent upon the review and approval of the Solicitor for the following entertainment: Tuesday (June 19th): 8th Street Rox at a cost of \$1,000.00; Wednesday, (June 20th): The Buffet Man at a cost of \$2,050; Thursday (June 21st): The Billy Price Band at a cost of \$2,500.00; Friday (June 22nd) Johnny Angel & the Halos at a cost of \$3,400; and Saturday (June 23rd) The Vogues at a cost of \$3,000.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

The Senate Engineering Report for January 2007 is on file in the Managers Office.

(7-48) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to approve payment of the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$439,544.41 as presented . The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-49) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to exonerate George M. Porado from the collection of 2006 unpaid Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$42,037.27. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-50) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Manager to execute a contract with Corporate Cost Solutions, Inc., contingent upon the review and approval of the solicitor. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-51) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to authorize the Manager to attend the PELRAS Conference to be held from March 21-23rd in State College at a cost of \$298.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-52) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to purchase a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria from Day Ford at a low-bid (SHACOG) of \$21,685.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Padula thanked Mr. DeRiso and Ms. Kostandinu for their interest in the Township and for volunteering to serve on the Planning Commission and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Padula also congratulated the Police Department for recently receiving training on the operation of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators and questioned when the AED for the Township would be purchased.
2. Ms. Fialla thanked everyone for coming out this evening and wished everyone a safe trip home.
3. Mrs. Martinelli reminded the residents that they are able to recycle their junk mail and newspapers at one of three Abitibi sites in the Township – at the Municipal Building, Volunteer Fire Company #3 and Volunteer Fire Company #4. She also reminded the residents that plastic bags should not be placed into the dumpsters. So far, the recycling effort has been highly successful with 43.05 tons of paper collected to-date. This amounts to 132.2 cubic yards of landfill space that was not used.
4. Mr. Wilson thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and thanked the Woodland Hills Progress for their recent support of the Township's efforts to remodel the Rescue #1 facility into a Community Center.
5. Mr. Greco thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

(7-53) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary