

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, February 13, 2012

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

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

(49-12) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to approve the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of January 30, 2012. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Ms. Probert, President of the Board of Trustees, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, submitted correspondence advising that they are accepting letters of interest until March 1, 2012 for the position of member of the Board of Trustees for the Library.

Ms. Joseph Kramer, Manager of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County submitted correspondence advising the Township that we were unsuccessful in applying for funds for 1112-1-CITF-020 (Dowling Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project) and 1112-1-CITF-019 (Sawmill Run Streambank Stabilization Project).

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Karl Crary of 256 Penhurst Drive commented upon the proposed Cell Tower Ordinance and suggested that if a cell tower is permitted in a residential neighborhood, then the neighboring property owners should have the ability to approve it and receive some compensation and also suggested that the Township adopt a policy to advertise public meetings on Twitter and/or on the Township website.

Mr. Bob Wingrove of 338 Braddsley Drive, representing the Penhurst Civic Association, questioned whether there are any ordinances that limit the number of pets in a home; requested that the Board address the feral cat problem in Penhurst and further asked that the Township send a letter directly to the property owner who is feeding the cats and advise them of the Township's ordinance in that regard.

Reports:

The Engineer's Report can be found filed in the Manager's Office.

Police Report for January 2012:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	267	212
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	20	22
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	7	11
Criminal Offenses Cleared	6	7
Traffic Citations Issued	49	33
Parking Tags Issued	20	7
Monies received during August	\$5,434.63	\$9,774.49

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

Fire Companies:

WTVFD #1 reported the following: 10 Fire Calls, man-hours 35.5; 6 Practices, man-hours 136. Total man-hours for the month 171.5.

Building Permits issued during August 2011:

BP # 2734-CS, Penn Center Building 4, Suite 600 – Interior Alterations – Cost \$74,000.00

The Township received \$3,544.23 in deed transfer tax in the month of January, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of December.

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Act 511 for December 2011:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$28,762.29	Previous Year	\$31,122.90	Difference
Current YTD	\$28,762.29	Previous YTD	\$31,122.90	(\$2,360.61)
2012 Budget-\$459,000				

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	\$127.52	Previous Year	\$4.23	Difference
Current YTD	\$127.52	Previous YTD	\$4.23	\$123.29
2012 Budget-\$145,000				

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	\$9,554.52	Previous Year	\$10,084.04	Difference
Current YTD	\$9,554.52	Previous YTD	\$10,084.04	(\$529.52)
2012 Budget-\$590,000				

The Solicitor's Report can be found filed in the Manager's Office.

(50-12)MOVED WILSON-COSTA to waive the reading of all reports, with the exception of the Engineer and Recreation Reports. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(51-12)MOVED CRINER-WILSON to approve the payment of the Schedule of Bills, as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO.: 1024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1021, APPROPRIATING OUT OF REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 SPECIFIC SUMS REQUIRED AS SHOWN BY THE BUDGET AND FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012.

(52-12)MOVED CRINER-BOYD to read Ordinance 1024 for the second time (note: first reading held on January 30, 2012).

(53-12)MOVED WILSON-COSTA to adopt Ordinance Number 1024.

Motions 52-12 to 53-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(54-12)MOVED BOYD-CRINER appointing Mr. Boyd, Ms. Criner and Mr. Crary (256 Penhurst Drive) to the newly created website development committee. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(55-12)MOVED WILSON-COSTA authorizing the release of restricted funds with respect to the NAI Acquisition Project for Parcel B in the amount of \$671,378. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(56-12)MOVED COSTA-WILSON to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to approve the contract between the Township and the Vogues for performance at the Summer Festival 2012 Friday night at the cost of \$2,800, contingent upon the review and approval of the Solicitor.

(57-12)MOVED WILSON-BOYD to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to hold a 5k race in conjunction with the Summer Festival on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:00 AM to be directed by Frank Rizza.

(58-12) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to hold a scrapbooking class once per month and a Zumba class once per week at the Community Center.

(59-12)MOVED COSTA-BOYD to approve advertising in the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter for two months for Summer Festival at a cost of \$107.

Motions 56-12 to 59-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(60-12)MOVED CRINER-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to approve a budget of \$1,800 for Breakfast with Peter Cottontail on Saturday, 3/4/12 at 10 AM. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Boyd voting "NO".

(61-12)MOVED COSTA-WILSON to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to plan an 'Oldies in the Park' event beginning in July of 2012, with additional information to be provided to the Board prior to initiation. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(62-12)MOVED COSTA-BOYD authorizing the Summer Food Program in Lions, Eastmont and Linhart Parks from June 11<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>.

(63-12)MOVED WILSON-COSTA authorizing the employment of Christian Alberico at an hourly rate of \$9.00 to act as park monitor for Linhart.

Motions 62-12 to 63-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(64-12)MOVED WILSON-CRINER authorizing those elected officials who choose to attend the Allegheny League of Municipalities Conference to be permitted to attend either the Spring or the Fall Conference. The motion was rejected by a 3 to 2 vote with Messrs. Boyd and Costa and Mrs. Martinelli voting "NO".

(65-12)MOVED COSTA-WILSON authorizing the Manager and one elected official to attend PELRAS from March 21-23 at a cost of \$205 for two attendees, plus hotel expenses.

(66-12)MOVED COSTA-WILSON authorizing Mr. Bruener to send Shane McClelland to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Pesticide training program beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM each Thursday for eight weeks at a cost of \$111.75 including test and other materials.

Motions 65-12 to 66-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Costa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked the Public Works Department for another good job with clearing the roads during the past weekend's snow event.

Mr. Boyd commented upon the re-adoption of the 2012 Budget and stated that with the reassessment, the Board will be reviewing the millage again next year. We have significantly more money for paving and we will put some money towards next year. Mr. Boyd again stated that he wants to reduce the amount of funds expended on refuse by increasing recycling in the Township.

Mrs. Martinelli commented upon the reassessment and the fact that Mr. Fitzgerald, the County Executive, is not in favor of what has been occurring. There will be regional meetings concerning the assessments within the near future and they are trying to put into place satellite offices for assessment appeals-one will be located in Point Breeze. Mrs. Martinelli also recognized Inori Sakai, a 16 year old Wilkins Township resident who will compete against seven other string players for the top prize of \$2,000 at the national competition of the Music Teachers National Association at the Hilton Hotel in New York City and requested that the Township send her a letter recognizing her accomplishments.

(67-12) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary