

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010

The Regular Meeting of Monday, January 4, 2010 was brought to order at 8:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(14-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting of Monday, December 14, 2009. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mrs. Martinelli abstaining.

Communications:

Correspondence was submitted by Mr. Al DeRoy of 94 Ridgecrest Drive commenting on comments made by Commissioner Wilson at the end of the meeting of November 23, 2009. Mr. DeRoy agrees with Commissioner Wilson that government is not and cannot be operated as a business because business is focused on profits while government focuses on results benefiting its' constituents.

Mr. Dave Defide, Manager of Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Programs with Duquesne Light Company submitted correspondence regarding Act 129, which requires all electric distribution companies with more than 100,000 customers to reduce energy consumption and demand in Pennsylvania. In order to accomplish these goals, Duquesne Light is offering conservation and demand reduction measures for each residential, commercial and industrial customers. The costs of these programs are being passed onto customers at 0.11 cents per kilowatt hour. For Wilkins Township, this equates to about \$340.00 annually.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill, Emergency Management Coordinator for Wilkins Township stated that the Township received correspondence from the Long Term Recovery Team which was formed following the flooding of June 2009 to aid residents in the Woodland Hills area. The team is made up of representatives of area churches, local emergency management services, the Westinghouse Valley Human Services Center, the Western Pennsylvania VOAD, Allegheny County Behavioral Health and the Woodland Hills School District Foundation. The Team recently announced that a caseworker is now working with them to assess and help meet the needs of area flood victims. Anyone seeking this assistance should contact Ms. Betty Dillon at 724-674-9165, Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, or Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

State Representative Paul Costa wished everyone a happy New Year, congratulated Mrs. Martinelli, Mr. Costa and Mr. Porado on their elections; thanked Mr. Wilson for his service and thanked the Board for serving the community and putting in the necessary amount of time to do so. Representative Costa also stated that his office is available to aid in anyway. Tom Caulfield usually attends the Township's meetings, but if the Board requires anything from him, they should always feel comfortable calling.

Mr. William Wilson, 201 Dorothy Street congratulated Mrs. Martinelli and Mr. Costa on their elections; thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening and stated that he loves Wilkins and is going to miss being a Commissioner, even if only for one year.

(15-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to waive the reading of reports. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Padula voting "NO".

Police Report for the month of December 2009

2008

2009

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Total Police Calls Logged	215	232
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	16	
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	5	
Criminal Offenses Cleared	9	
Traffic Citations Issued	7	27
Parking Tags Issued	1	8
Parking Citations Issued	0	8
Alarm Fees/Fines	\$2,792.00	\$1,670.00
Monies Collected	5,503.01	5,036.18
Total Year Monies Collected	76,182.34	77,558.60

Mr. Bruener’s Public Works Department Monthly Report is on file in the Manager’s Office.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for the month of December 3009:
 Eleven (11) Fires, man-hours 17.65
 Ten (10) Activities, man-hours 455.25. Total Man-hours for month 472.90.

Building Permits Issued during December 2009:
 #BP 2627 CS – Penn Towers NCPLLC, Apt 1014 – Interior Repairs Cost \$8500.
 #BP 2628 CS – Brian Vallallio, 3909 Grnsbg Pike – Deck Cost \$900.

The Township received \$3,969.49 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of December representing deed transfers which were recorded by the County in November. Total Real Estate Transfer Tax collections to date are: \$83,724.94 or 167.45% of budget.

PA Municipal Services – Act 511 Tax Report:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$48,502.67	Previous Year	\$48,393.00	Difference
Current YTD	614,048.22	Previous YTD	600,021.41	\$14,026.81

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	12,920.95	Previous Year	25,741.82	Difference
Current YTD	170,016.97	Previous YTD	172,066.46	(\$2,049.49)

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	18,845.63	Previous Year	12,957.05	Difference
Current YTD	568,595.19	Previous YTD	558,478.15	\$10,117.04

(16-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the schedule of bills in the amount of \$96,177.05 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(17-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of Senate Engineering to pay Soli Construction \$1,250.24, representing 2% retainage withheld in final payment for the 2009 Critical Sewer Contract. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(18-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the execution of the DCED contract documents for a joint grant for the purchase of laptops for police cars; authorizing the manager to submit the payment requisition to DCED and authorizing the manager to advertise proposed Ordinance Number 1002, an Intergovernmental Agreement between Wilkins, Churchill and Forest Hills, pending the review and approval of the Solicitor. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(19-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize the Manager to correspond with Phil Fraga of Dan Cohen's office and advise him of the Township's desire to seek grant funding for the purchase of equipment to permit the televising of Township Commissioners Meetings. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS , ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM G. WILSON.

(20-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to read Resolution No. 1-2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(21-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Resolution No. 1-2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mrs. Angie Gialloretto, Chairman of the Wilkins Township Democratic Committee thanked Mr. William Wilson for his commitment to Wilkins Township, stated that he was a very dear friend who always offered guidance and presented him with a gift on behalf of the members of the Wilkins Township Democratic Committee.

Commissioner Szoko congratulated Mrs. Martinelli and Mr. Costa on their election; stated that residents can visit the Wilkins Township Times, a new website, to learn additional information about Wilkins Township's meetings; stated that he believes that government should run as a business insofar as that entails business analysis to effectively distribute profit. Mr. Szoko stated that the Township has a lot of financial challenges ahead and we must analyze and strategize to dig ourselves out, while continuing to have a positive attitude towards operating within our fiscal means.

Commissioner Padula commented that Wilkins' Township is not sinking yet and stated that the Wilkins Township Times is not a website that is a part of Wilkins Township, or one condoned by the Board of Commissioners. Residents should continue to review information available on the Township's website. Mr. Padula also offered that maybe Mr. Krary would like to help the Township with its' website, or contribute articles to the Township's newsletter, or help with one of the Volunteer Fire Companies' websites instead of writing a separate blog which is not condoned by the Township. Mr. Padula thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated that he hopes we can work together to keep Wilkins moving forward and asked that Mr. Krary please place an article in his blog regarding clearing snow and ice from in front of fire hydrants.

Commissioner Fialla stated that during 2009, we lost a lot of friends including Cindy Lowry, M. Jos Martinelli, Robert Skrbn, Jeff Wagner and Fran Colonella and she wishes to extend her condolences to their friends and family. Ms. Fialla also stated that she welcomes the opportunity to work with the Board as a team, no one is infallible and two heads are always better than one and five are better than two. Ms. Fialla commented on the water break on Rodi Road and questioned whether the Township should ask the Water Authority to provide bottled water to affected families.

Commissioner Costa stated that when he reads the business section of the newspaper, he cannot help but notice the number of communities that are struggling to balance their budgets and therefore, recognizes the need of the members of the Board to work together to keep the Township stable.

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Commissioner Martinelli stated that the residents of the community need to be the watchdogs to determine whether the Board is working together and she welcomes that opportunity. Mrs. Martinelli also thanked Mr. Wilson for his dedication and service to Wilkins Township and stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 25, 2010.

(22-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley

Secretary