



Sergeant DeMarco stated that he reviewed Sergeant Lamb's report for this incident. His report indicates that he stood in the backyard of Ms. Rose and noted that the music was not excessively loud for a Sunday afternoon. Sergeant Lamb did request that Nissan turn down the music and move the speakers so that they were pointing away from the Charnwood neighborhood. Sergeant DeMarco further indicated that the Police Department does enforce the noise ordinance, but the residents should be aware that the noise ordinance has a fifty foot radius. Because the homes on Charnwood are more than fifty feet from the Nissan dealership, the ordinance does not apply.

Jamie Rose of 46 Charnwood Drive stated that she has an on-going problem with the public address system utilized by Nissan. Her property sits right above the Nissan dealership. She hears the calls at all times, with her windows and doors closed and her air conditioning on. She quit requesting assistance two years ago because she believed that her complaints were not being responded to. She further requested that the Board require Nissan to eliminate their public address system and use pagers. She believes that Monroeville does not permit public address systems. She also complained about the emptying of garbage dumpsters in the middle of the night and asked the Board to address this issue as well.

Joannie Jacob of 324 Frazier Drive stated that she completely agrees with Mrs. Foley and Ms. Rose that the problems with Nissan have been allowed to go too far. The neighborhood put up with a lot of the same issues when Valley Honda was at this site. She questioned how car dealerships can continue to get away with this and asked that the Township enforce the existing noise ordinance.

Commissioner Padula directed Mrs. Bradley to contact the refuse company servicing Nissan and others in the commercial corridor and advise of the Township's restrictions for dumpster pick-up between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Also, advised Mrs. Bradley to contact Mr. McWilliams at Pittsburgh East Nissan to discuss the elimination of the public address system and report back to the Board.

Dora Packowski of 194 Ridge Street commented on an incident that she recently had in her neighborhood involving barking dogs and requested information relative to the police department procedures for dealing with repeated incidents of this nature. Sgt. DeMarco indicated that the first couple of times that the department receives this type of complaint, they speak with the owner of the barking dog. If repeated incidents occur, then the police department will generally file charges against the dog's owner at the District Magistrate's office.

REPORTS:

Police Report for the month of May 2007

	2006	2007
Total police calls logged	252	359
Total criminal offenses reported	21	39
Criminal arrests/persons charged	7	26
Criminal offenses cleared	7	25
Traffic citations issued	16	26
Parking tags issued	11	9
Parking citations issued	3	5
Monies collected during May 2007	\$ 2,897.12	\$4,509.99

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

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WTVFD #1 reported the following:

- 21 Fires – Man-Hours 177
- 4 Practices – Man-Hours 100

WTVFD #3 reported the following:

- 21 Fires – Man-Hours 86.25
- 2 Training Sessions – Man-Hours 67.25

WTVFD #4 reported the following:

- 10 Fires – Man-Hours 46
- 12 Fire Schools – Man-Hours 89
- 2 Drills – Man-Hours 20.50
- 2 Public Services – Man-Hours 31.50
- 3 Work Details – Man-Hours 3

The WHEMS monthly report for May 2007 is on file with the Fire Departments.

Building Permits Issued during May 2007:

- 1 Interior Alteration – PC LL LP BLDG 7 –cost \$7,600.
- 1 New Home – Lot 3 – 1609 Vinesian Place – cost \$200,000.
- 1 Hot Tub – 4064 Miller Street – No cost
- 1 Addition – 806 Thompson Street – cost \$2,900.00
- 1 Deck – 268 Kingston Drive – Cost \$2,500.00Relocate ground floor tenant –
- VOCOLLECT – 701 Rodi Rd – cost \$108,920.

The total amount of real estate transfer tax received in May for transfers which occurred in April was \$354,505.20 Of that amount, \$347,900 was received for the sale of Penn Center. Year to date Real Estate Transfer tax is: \$401,017.46.

At the end of May 2007, Showcase Cinema sold. The total paid, according to the new owner was \$4,000,000. The Township can expect to receive \$20,000. in real estate transfer tax on that sale.

Tax Collectors Monthly Report for May 2007:

Balance collectable	\$ 148,128.58
Additions	555.05
Deductions (exonerations)	-162.31
Adjusted Collectable	148,521.32
Less Face Collections	14,834.00
Exonerations	122.96
Balance Collectable – end of month	133,687.32
Total refunds to date	1,231.32
Face amount of collections	14,834.00
Total cash collected	14,828.26

PA Municipal Services – Act 511 Tax Report

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$ 69,369.23	Previous Year	54,307.09	Difference
Current YTD	228,293.96	Previous YTD	211,213.17	\$17,080.79

Emergency & Municipal Services Tax:

Current Month	66,922.95	Previous Year	97,427.51	Difference
Current YTD	140,496.99	Previous YTD	134,292.31	\$ 6,204.68

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	1,084,147,384.	Previous Year	7,260.99	Difference
Current YTD	1,186,392.16	Previous YTD	1,067,189.34	\$119,202.82

Business Privilege Tax:

Current Month	23,871.31	Previous Year	15,618.33	Difference
Current YTD	117,093.95	Previous YTD	147,088.96	(\$29,995.01)

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Matta announced that the Board of Commissioners met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss issues of litigation and personnel.

Recreation Report: Ms. Stewart announced that the current expenses for Community Days had increased to \$24,315.02 and total revenues to \$28,194.75, leaving a "cushion" of approximately \$3,873.79

(7-134) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to pay the schedule of bills as presented in the amount of \$164,148.62. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-135) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to authorize the manager to provide the local media with information relative to the vacant Civil Service Board alternate position. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley stated that at the meeting of April 30, 2007, the Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance #980 which amended the Codified Book of Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 168, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 17, Stop Intersections, based upon recommendations provided by the Chief of Police for the elimination and/or installation of stop signs throughout the community. Shortly after adoption of the ordinance, the Public Works Department noted that there were errors in the ordinance. Chief Guthrie has made the appropriate corrections to the ordinance and, the Board has requested the addition of a stop sign on Elizabeth, where it intersects with Rita. Currently, the ordinance only provides for one stop sign on Elizabeth at Rita (east). Therefore, this evening, after having been duly advertised in accordance with the First Class Township Code, the Board has before them an amended Ordinance #980 for adoption.

At the request of Commissioner Martinelli, a stop sign will also be placed at Sunset as it intersects with Orion. At the recommendation of Sgt. DeMarco, the Gardenia Drive intersection with Peffer Road will be eliminated from the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CHAPTER 168, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 17, STOP INTERSECTIONS.

(7-136) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to read Ordinance #980 for the first time by title only.

(7-137) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to accept the first reading of Ordinance #980.

(7-138) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to read Ordinance #980 for the second time by title only.

(7-139) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to adopt Ordinance #980 with the corrections as discussed.

Motions 7-136 through 7-139 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-140) MOVED FIALLA-WILSON to appoint Mr. Peter J. Hartzler of Whitaker, PA to the position of probationary police officer, contingent upon his successful completion of the required psychological and physical testing. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley provided the Board with an update on the proposed Showcase Cinema development. She indicated that she had recently met with the new owner and developer for the project. The current development proposal is as follows: The lobby of the existing Showcase Cinema site will be demolished. The existing cinema will be converted into two retail spaces. A banking facility and convenience store/gas station will be constructed. In the rear of the property, the developer will be constructing a Residence Inn Hotel, which is an extended stay facility. The developer provided photographs of the Residence Inn, which were then shared with the Board of Commissioners and the audience. The Residence Inn is currently proposed to be constructed perpendicular to Route 22, in the rear of the Showcase lot, with the back of the structure facing the Frazier Drive hillside and the front facing the Gilmore Drive neighborhood. The developers hope to provide their initial development plans to the Wilkins Township Planning Commission for either their July or August meeting.

(7-141) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to table the request of the Wilkins Township Baseball Association for Township funding until after Community Days and until after the Association has provided the Board with an income statement, depicting all revenues, expenses and net income or loss. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley indicated that the Township's Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement is set to expire next month. Mr. Matta has been working on this Agreement and expects to have his recommendation for adoption at the next meeting.

(7-142) MOVED MARTINELLI-WILSON to authorize the manager to notify the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments of the Township's intent to join with other member municipalities in group negotiations with Verizon, with the aid of the Cohen Group for a franchise agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley stated that she has received numerous complaints from residents over the last several weeks regarding the advertisements which are in plastic bags with rubber bands and tossed into their front yards once a week. The name of the company doing this is KADS. Mr. Don McConnell, a member of the Zoning Hearing Board stated that he is aware of several other communities that have adopted ordinances to restrict the delivery of any type of advertisements to mail delivery. She questioned whether the Board was interested in stopping these deliveries and if so, whether the township's existing littering ordinance or soliciting ordinance will provide the necessary mechanism to stop this service. At the direction of the Board, Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Matta will review the existing ordinances to determine whether they can be used to end the service and in the event that they cannot, will develop an ordinance to terminate the service.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Padula requested that Mrs. Bradley contact PAMS and determine why they have not yet cashed a check that he sent to them over two months ago. Also, advised the Board that the Fire Departments will be putting up signs throughout Wilkins saying: "Volunteer Today" as a part of their on-going recruitment effort. He also announced that they are finalizing a website, "Get On The Truck.org" for volunteers. The Fire Departments will also have a booth at Community Days dedicated to the recruitment of additional volunteers throughout the community.

Commissioner Padula also questioned whether the Fire Departments could expect to receive their annual allocation from the Township this month, as in past years and finally questioned what the Commissioners position on the contribution to Woodland Hills Emergency Services was. Commissioner Martinelli suggested that the Board contribute \$3,000.00 to WHEMS now, and then wait and see whether we can provide them with additional funding later in the year.

(7-143) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to authorize the disbursement of \$3,000.00 to Woodland Hills Emergency Services. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Padula finally requested that the community support the Recreation Advisory Board this next week by their attendance at Community Days from June 19, 2007 through June 23, 2007 at the old Showcase Cinema property on Business Route 22.

Commissioner Fialla thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is July 9, 2007. She also indicated that she will see everyone during Community Days.

Commissioner Martinelli advised that the line-up for bands for Community Days next week is as follows: Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Street Rocks; Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>: The Buffet Man; Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: Billy Price; Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Johnny Angel and the Halos and also the Baseball Association Car Cruise; and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Vogues with fireworks following. She also congratulated Mr. Wilson on his receipt of the Citizens of the Year award from the Elks Club again this year.

Commissioner Wilson thanked the Volunteer Fire Companies for all the time that they dedicate to the Township on a monthly basis. The Township could not begin to provide the services that it currently does without the volunteer support that it receives from the members of the Volunteer Fire Departments. He also thanked the editor of the Woodland Hills Progress for the favorable editorial in last weeks' paper regarding the reduced paving schedule for 2007. He finally thanked Mr. Lawson for his attendance and comments this evening.

Commissioner Greco questioned whether Mrs. Bradley had had an opportunity to contact Ross Township relative to the sex offender ordinance that they had just adopted. Mr. Matta indicated that he would take care of this issue.

(7-144) MOVED WILSON-MARTINELLI to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary