

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, June 11, 2012

The Regular Meeting of Monday, June 11, 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

(172-12) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to approve the Public Hearing Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 21, 2012 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Schwartz submitted an email praising and thanking those individuals, including Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Martinelli who were involved in putting together the Memorial Day Service held at the Churchill Cemetery.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Cheryl Akers-Stanton of 103 Peffer Road advised the Board that she received a quote for tree removal for a large dead pine in front of her home. In addition to that pine tree, the Township also has a pine tree that she believes is diseased and in danger of falling upon her home. She requested that the contractor provide her with a quote to remove both trees. Both trees can be removed for \$700.00 if the Township so desires.

REPORTS:

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Rushford stated that Laurel Print had issued a writ of summons against the Township about a year ago and he's pleased to report that that has now been resolved by an agreement to dismiss the Township from the action. There is a proposed settlement for the real estate taxes for the Italian American Club, which is included on the agenda this evening. Finally, Mr. Rushford issued a letter to the auditor as required with regard to any legal issues for 2011.

The Engineers Report is on file in the Manager's Office

Police Report for May 2012:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	294	245
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	32	34
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	19	11
Criminal Offenses Cleared	19	10
Traffic Citations Issued	23	13
Parking Tags Issued	4	13
Monies collected during March	\$3,729.95	\$2,204.38

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

Fire Companies:

WTVFD #1 reported the following for May 2012: 11 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 44.5; 4 Practices, Man-Hours 69; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 24; Total Man-Hours 137.5.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for May 2012: 10 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 35.79; 2 Training Sessions, Man-Hours 38; 4 Work Details, Man-Hours 42; Total Man-Hours 115.79.

WTVFD #4 reported the following for May 2012: 10 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 25.75; 2 Drills, Man-Hours 15; 5 Work Details, Man-Hours 36; 4 Meetings, Man-Hours 39.75; Total Man-Hours 116.5.

Building Permits Issued for May: #2747-300 Penn Ctr. Blvd., Interior Alterations \$1,839; Site Plan Review \$1,097.72; #2748-3440 Wm. Penn Hwy., Interior Alterations \$289; Site Plan Review \$525; #2749-343 Sunset Drive, Porch Roof \$54; #2750-777 Penn Ctr. Blvd., Interior Alterations \$1,000.75; Site Plan Review \$806.26; #2751-324 Delaney Drive, Porch Roof \$79; #2752-118 Dunbar Drive, AG Swimming Pool \$54.00

Deed Transfer Tax: The Township received \$2,361.70 in deed transfer tax in the month of May, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of April.

George Porado's Tax Collector's Report for May:

Balance Collectable – beginning of the month	\$220,299.56
Exonerations – Total Adjustments	.00
Total Collectable	\$220,299.56
Face Collections	\$-18,605.00
Balance Collectable – End of the month	\$201,694.56
Face amount of collections	\$18,605.00
Plus Penalties	.00
Less Discounts	\$-13.23
Total Cash Collected	\$18,591.77

Act 511 for May 2012:

<u>Earned Income Taxes:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$37,186.18	Previous Year	\$110,156.32
Current YTD	\$292,879.54	Previous YTD	\$290,115.54
			\$2,764.00
2012 Budget-\$459,000			

<u>Local Service Tax:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$6,177.90	Previous Year	\$6,801.72
Current YTD	\$40,589.62	Previous YTD	\$40,474.33
			\$115.29
2012 Budget-\$145,000			

<u>Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege):</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$431,456.65	Previous Year	\$202,167.01
Current YTD	\$497,466.40	Previous YTD	\$276,467.92
			\$220,998.48
2012 Budget-\$590,000			

(173-12) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$148,590.19 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(174-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to accept VFC #4's proposal to purchase a chassis and then permit the dealer to use that as a demonstrator model for a period of 4-9 months to decrease the final cost of the chassis, as outlined in a memorandum from Mrs. Bradley dated May 31, 2012, on file in the Township Office.

(175-12) MOVED COSTA-WILSON to appoint Mitchell Hornick of 119 Patterson Street and Zain Siddiqui of 107 Gilmore Drive to the position of part-time temporary public works employees at an hourly rate of \$9.50.

Motions 174-12 to 175-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(176-12) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to accept the proposed settlement of the tax assessment appeal of the Italo American Citizens Club, as follows: 2011: \$120,000; 2012: \$120,000 and 2013: \$160,000. The motion was adopted by a 3-2 vote, with club members, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Martinelli abstaining.

(177-12) MOVED COSTA-CRINER authorizing the Manager to apply for a grant through the DEP for the purchase of a backhoe (35% funding), a gate for the composting facility at Linhart Park and 32 gallon recycling containers. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2012

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
ACKNOWLEDGING AND AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN A JOINT DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE EAST HILLS DUI TASK FORCE
AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

(178-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to read Resolution #18-2012 by title only.

(179-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to adopt Resolution #18-2012.

Motions 178-12 to 179-12 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Costa encouraged everyone to come out to this years' Summer Festival at Penn Center and also mentioned that this year, the Recreation Advisory Committee will be holding a 5K race on Saturday morning.

Mr. Boyd stated that he is interested in reducing the amount of waste by increasing incentives for residents to recycle. He mentioned the fact that Cranberry has a "pay as you throw" program that the Township may want to investigate in order to reduce our budget for refuse removal in future years.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Board members for supporting the settlement of the assessment appeal filed by the Italo American Club.

Mrs. Martinelli thanked Mr. Wilson for the great job he did in coordinating the Memorial Day Service; invited everyone to attend the Summer Festival, which begins next week and reviewed the schedule of events for the festival. Mrs. Martinelli also advised the Board that the Community Center is rented out both Saturday and Sunday every weekend during the month of June, with the exception of Father's Day.

(180-12) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary