

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010

The Regular Meeting of Monday, June 14, 2010 was brought to order at 7:20 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(170-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of Monday, May 10, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2010, with one correction, under Commissioner Szoko's comments, add "and commented upon financial housecleaning" at the end of the current statement. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Ms. Carol Pena of 3600 Ridgewood Drive requested permission for the Ridgewood Manor Association to hold a block party on Saturday, June 26 (rain date June 27) on upper Gilcrest Drive from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM and requested the use of Township barricades to block off the street.

(171-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the request of the Ridgewood Manor Association to hold a block party on June 26 (rain date June 27) on upper Gilcrest Drive from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM and authorize the use of Township barricades to be delivered on Friday, June 25. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mr. & Mrs. William Fullerton of 221 Sunset Drive requested the installation of signage at the intersection of Old William Penn Highway and Sunset Drive stating "NO TRUCKS" and "LOCAL DELIVERIES ONLY."

(172-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to approve the request of the Fullerton's and authorizing the Public Works Department to install these signs following consultation with Chief Krancic. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Tom Brush of 945 Rita Drive requested permission to use the basketball courts at Eastmont Park to run a men's summer basketball league beginning in mid-July and continuing through the end of August on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Mr. Brush and his brother run a basketball organization – Pittsburgh Pride, which has liability insurance. In addition, Mr. Brush would require participants to sign waivers. Township residents are encouraged to attend.

(173-10) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to approve the request of Mr. Brush to use the basketball courts at Eastmont Park from mid-July through the end of August on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM for the purpose of hosting a men's basketball league. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mr. Michael Suley, CPE – Manager, Allegheny County Department of Administrative Services, Office of Property Assessments submitted correspondence advising the Board that the OPA will begin field reviews in the Township over the next several weeks.

Chairwoman Sylvia Martinelli presented a Proclamation to William G. Wilson of Dorothy Street in gratitude for his service in arranging the Memorial Day Remembrance Service at the Churchill Cemetery this year.

Citizens' Comments:

Prior to Citizens' Comments, Chairwoman Martinelli advised that the Township was taping the Board meeting and so was Mr. Crary.

Mr. William Wilson of Dorothy Street thanked the Board for their donation to the Memorial Day Service, which was attended by over 200 people; thanked Mr. Costa and Mrs. Martinelli for being on the committee; thanked Mr. Padula and VFC #3 for directing traffic during the service and stated that there were 12 members of World War II present at the ceremony.

Ms. Barbara Amick of 53 Churchill Road and the art teacher for Woodland Hills High School presented different examples of murals prepared by high school students which they would like to place on 4'x8' sheets of plywood in all of the Woodland Hills communities to increase the perception of the district. Ms. Amick also presented different banners for the telephone poles.

Mr. Karl Crary of 256 Penhurst Drive commented upon the right of individuals to make independent recordings of meetings and discussed the ACLU's correspondence to the Borough of Blawnox on this issue.

Ms. Kathy Strait of 460 Wilbur Avenue thanked the firemen who responded to her residence last week when her basement flooded and requested that the Township install a backflow preventer on her lateral to eliminate additional sanitary sewer discharge on her property.

Mr. Erik Lawson of 176 Penhurst Drive commented upon the proposed installation of a flow monitoring device in the manhole behind the Elks.

Mr. Keith Jones, owner of Laurel Printing on Brown Avenue addressed the Board relative to the landslide which is occurring behind his building and advised that the next rainstorm could bring massive flooding to Brown Avenue because the hillside is sliding into and blocking Saw Mill Run.

Mr. Roland Catranella commented that the issue with the streams and creeks in Western Pennsylvania needs to be addressed on a federal, state and local level, instead of property owners bearing the burden.

Mr. William Wilson of Dorothy Street commented that the Township should bring together the local area developers including Mr. Cararanella, Mr. Glunt, Mr. Amore and Mr. D'Andrea and ask them to help resolve the issues with the flooding.

Ms. Michelle Lucas of 331 Frazier Drive requested that the Township replace the speed limit sign which was in front of 333 Frazier Drive and requested information relative to the outcome of the Zoning Hearing Board meeting held in May on Sheetz.

(174-10) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to waive the reading of reports. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Reports:

<u>Police report for May 2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	276	294
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	32	26
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	17	8
Criminal Offenses Cleared	11	9
Traffic Citations Issued	34	50
Parking Tags Issued	5	5

Parking Citations Issued	0	3
Monies Received – May	\$4,365.58	\$2,390.10

Ed Bruener DPW Report for May 2010 is on file in the Manager’s Office.

WTVFD #3 reported as follows:

NFIRS – 11, man hours 11.11; Training – 3, man-hours 121.00; non-incident activities – 16, man-hours 236.15. Total man-hours for month of may 2010 – 368.26.

Building Permits issued during May 2010:

Three 3 Structural Repairs – cost \$13,900.00, One 1 Deck – cost \$1,300.00  
 One 1 Electrical Permit – wiring

The Township[ received \$2,036.53 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of May representing deed transfers which were recorded by the County in April. Total Real Estate Transfer Tax collections to date are: \$12,813.71 or 28.47% of budget.

Tax Collectors Report for May 2010:

Balance Collectable – Beginning of Month	\$250,326.97
Less Face Collections	-12,086.29
Balance Collectable – end of month	238,240.68
Face Amount of Collections	12,086.29
Less: Discounts	- 5.81
Total Cash Collected	12,080.48
Overpayment	49.69

Act 511 Tax Report for May 2010

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$18,000.00	Previous Year	\$78,730.82	Difference
Current YTD	199,683.88	Previous YTD	279,680.41	(\$79,996.53)

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	13,673.40	Previous Year	14,911.30	Difference
Current YTD	73,904.80	Previous YTD	57,073.53	\$16,831.27

Busines Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	413,454.10	Previous Year	332,640.54	Difference
Current YTD	465,229.37	Previous YTD	332,640.54	\$132,588.83

The Solicitor’s Report is on file in the Manager’s Office.

The Engineer’s Report is on file in the Manager’s Office.

(175-10) MOVED SZOKO-PADULA to approve the schedule of bills, in the amount of \$268,405.04 as presented, with one correction to the Solicitor’s invoice for the month of June, redacting fees associated with “Kennels”, in the amount of \$418.50. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(176-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to amend the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of April 1 26, 2010 to change Res. #7-2010 to Resolution #9-2010 (Community Center Rental) The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote

RESOLUTION NO., 9-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2009, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2-1010 TO ADD A FEE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS.

- (177-10) MOVED MARTINELLI to adopt Resolution #9-2010 – The motion failed for lack of second.
- (178-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize the Manager to submit correspondence to Forest Hills Borough advising that the Township declines to participate in a regional police study with Forest Hills, Braddock Hills, Chalfant and Edgewood. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (179-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to authorize the Police Department to utilize a 2010 Penn Prime grant in the amount of \$2,000, a \$500 Walmart grant and \$1,971.68 in USDOJ funding to purchase two additional light bars for the police vehicles and commending Officer Schlanger for his work in securing the funding. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (180-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to authorize Chief Krancic to attend POLEX 3 and POLEX 4 training offered by the Allegheny County Police Training Academy September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$620.00 each. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (181-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to authorize the advertisement for sale (“as-is”) of former police car 21-6 and 21-7 with a minimum bid as recommended by the Township mechanic. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (182-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to approve the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Government’s award of a demolition contract to W&J Contractors for the demolition of 661 and 685 Larimer Avenue at a total cost of \$12,400, utilizing \$10,312.00 in CDBG Year 36 Safe Neighborhood Funds and paying the balance of \$2,088.00 with Township Funds. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.
- (183-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve Mr. Bruener’s request to attend an Excel Basics computer software program on August 26 at the Courtyard by Marriot in Greensburg at a cost of \$79.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Mr. Padula thanked those residents remaining in the audience for sticking around; stated that he wished the Board would have read the reports since the residents were in the audience seeking information as to what was going on in the community and stated that he hopes to see everyone at this year’s Summer Festival which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Fialla thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and requested that the microphone that was temporarily on the table where Chief Krancic, Mr. Bruener and Ms. Yon sit be replaced at that location so that everyone can hear them when they need to speak.

Commissioner Szoko questioned what the Township is required to pay for post-retirement health care for the two most recent retirees and requested that the Board discuss next month the development of a personnel policy against fraternization and personal work being conducted by subordinates for supervisors outside of their employ with the Township.

Commissioner Costa stated that a friend of his who resides in Murrysville will be holding a fundraiser at Pedora Park (3051 Wilson Road, Export, PA 15632) to aid severely disabled veterans through a nonprofit program entitled Homes for Our Troops, on Father’s Day (June 20<sup>th</sup>).

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Commissioner Martinelli thanked Mr. Wilson for his work on the Memorial Day services; announced that the next meeting of the Red Cross will be held at the Community Center on June 29<sup>th</sup>; stated that she is disappointed that for the third meeting in a row, the Board failed to pass a resolution to rent out the Community Center; and Finally stated that she hopes to see everyone at this year's Summer Festival.

(184-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary



