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The Woodland Hills Emergency Medical Services Report is on file in the Managers Office with the above Fire Department Reports.

Building Permits Issued during May 2008:

Four (4) Interior Alterations: 2 PCE/LLP Bldg 4 and Bldg. 6.  
1 Seville Square, Apt 1108  
1 Green Mango, 3462 William Penn Highway  
1 Deck with Roof – Washington St - cost \$7,850  
1 Porch Roof – Radcliff Drive – cost \$9,000.  
1 Patio Room – Elizabeth Sreet – cost \$20,900.  
1 Residential Repair – Penhurst Drive – cost \$4,800.00

The Township received \$3,659.32 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of May representing deed transfers which were recorded by the County in April. Total year to date collections are: \$13,416.90 or 26.31% of budget.,

Tax Collectors Monthly Report for May 2008:

Balance Collectable	
\$200,651.73	
Additions	1,229.34
Deductions (exonerations)	2,882.45
Adjusted Collectable	198,998.62
Less Face Collections for month	12,023.11
Exonerations	1,088.99
Balance Collectable	186,975.51
Total Refunds to date	1,307.42
Face Amount of Collections	12,023.11
Total Cash Collected	\$12,023.11

PA Municipal Services Report for May 2008:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	89,262.91	Previous Year	69,369.23	Difference	
Current YTD	256,199.30	Previous YTD	228,293.96	\$27,905.34	

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	37,634.32	Previous Year	66,922.95	Difference	
Current YTD	57,767.10	Previous YTD	140,496.99	(\$82,729.89)	

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	65,038.18	Previous Year	1,084,143.84	Difference	
Current YTD	307,238.80	Previous YTD	1,186,392.16	(\$879,153.36)	

Business Privilege Tax:

Current Month	154,289.09	Previous Year	23,871.31	Difference	
Current YTD	162,808.19	Previous YTD	117,093.95	\$45,714.24	

The Solicitors Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

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

(8-141) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to pay Hydrotech \$33,485.25 for dye testing, cleaning and televising of sewer lines. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-142) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to pay Tresco Paving \$138,512.68 for the 2008 paving project, which is now complete. Ten percent retainage will be withheld pending the final walk through of the project. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (8-143) MOVED SZOKO-PADULA to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of \$334,788.35 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-144) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to condemn the following properties: 430 Clugston Avenue, 907 Larimer Avenue and 172 Churchill Lane and authorizing the Public Works Department to demolish the garage located at 430 Clugston and the garage located at 907 Larimer (pending the Solicitor's review). The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-145) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to authorize the Solicitor to begin the condemnation proceedings on the following properties: 661 Larimer Avenue, 652 Highland Avenue, 816 Thompson Street, 113-115 Grandview Avenue, 685 Larimer Avenue, 521 Negley Avenue, and 565 Highland Avenue and authorizing the manager to advertise for a public hearing on these condemnations to be held on Monday, August 11, 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-146) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to authorize the immediate closure and disassembly of the following playgrounds: Meadow Street, Railroad Street, Highland Avenue, Leneake Street and Mortimer Avenue. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-147) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to authorize the solicitor to research different avenues to acquire the property currently known as the "Pumpkin Patch" located on Mortimer and Highland Avenues, The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-148) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to table the request for authorization for the appropriate individuals to execute contract documents with Cheryl Stanton of Prudential Real Estate for the purpose of disposing of vacant and unnecessary municipal properties, to give the Board more time to look at the properties and think about the concept of selling the municipal parkettes. The motion was not adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Messrs. Costa, Padula and Wilson voting "NO."
- (8-149) MOVED PADULA-COSTA authorizing Howard Hannah, Remax and Prudential Realtors to prepare and provide proposals for the sale of municipal property. Said proposals are due in the office of the manager no later than July 7, 2008. These proposals will be publicly presented to the Board for action on July 14, 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-150) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an intergovernmental cooperation ordinance and agreement for the purpose of jointly bidding refuse and recyclable removal with the Borough of Swissvale. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll vote.
- (8-151) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an intergovernmental cooperation ordinance and agreement for the purpose of jointly bidding recyclable removal with the Borough of Churchill, contingent upon the approval of the Council of Churchill of the same. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-152) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an intergovernmental cooperation ordinance and agreement for the purpose of jointly bidding refuse and recyclable removal with the Borough of Forest Hills, contingent upon the approval of the Council of Forest Hills of the same. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (8-153) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to authorize the manager, in consultation with the managers of the Boroughs of Churchill, Forest Hills and Swissvale and respective legal counsel, to prepare and advertise for bids for the collection and disposal of refuse and recyclables. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-154) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to accept the resignation of Sandra Zimmer as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board and authorizing the manager to send a letter of gratitude for her service. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-155) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to authorize the Solicitor to review a cooperation agreement between the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority Vacant Property Program and the Township and proposed Resolution #5-2008 and advise the Board as to whether the Township should participate in the vacant property program. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-156) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to approve the request of the Allegheny County Police Training Academy to use the Board Room on Thursday and Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday and Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM to conduct mandatory training. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-157) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to appoint Amber Pistella of 818 Larimer Avenue to the position of summer recreation/lunch program coordinator at Linhart Park at an hourly rate of \$8.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-158) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the payment of \$60.00 per Volunteer Fire Department for one booth for the Summer Festival. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-159) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the Township to apply for a grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Local Government Greenhouse Gas Pilot Program and further authorizing this application to be made jointly by CERE with other municipalities. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-160) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the manager and the solicitor to meet with Penn Hills and the County to formulate an agreement that will resolve the issue of ownership of the proposed connector road between Maple Lane and Purity Way with ratification by the Board to be achieved at the next meeting. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-161) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to appoint Peter McCarthy of 125 N. Dallas Avenue, Apartment 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 to the position of Records Management Intern for 480 hours at an hourly rate of \$10.00, with the Township paying \$5.00 and the Local Government Academy paying \$5.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-162) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Solicitor to draft an amendment to the Township's existing Right to Know Ordinance, in compliance with the new law adopted by the State legislature, which will become effective January 1, 2009. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Szoko stated that he believes the purchase of two International five ton dump trucks by the Township last year was excessive. He proposes to sell these two trucks, which were purchased for \$130,000 each, for a price of \$200,000 and then to purchase one ton dump trucks instead; questioned whether or not the Township had

received the \$100,000 grant from Senator Costa for the rehabilitation of the Community Center and requested that the manager begin to report on the current financial condition of the Township by translating what is provided in the monthly financial reports each month.

Commissioner Padula thanked the Recreation Advisory Board for all the work that they have done to get ready for the Summer Festival which will begin next Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, thanked the manager for the email that she sent to one of our residents relative to her concerns regarding vacant buildings in the Township; stressed that the sale of the Township's parkettes should not be construed as a negative event due to the fact that the Township still retains four large parks, one in Eastmont, one in the Acres, one at the Building and one off of Harrison Road; and finally stated that although he appreciates Mr. Szoko's concern with regard to vendors, he would appreciate it if Mr. Szoko would leave these negotiations to the Solicitor, Engineer and the manager because this is what they get paid to do.

Commissioner Costa stated that he disagrees with Commissioner Szoko's opinion that the two new dump trucks are inefficient; congratulated that Recreation Advisory Board on gaining two new members; and urged everyone to come to the Summer Festival next week.

Commissioner Fialla stated that she believes that it is important for the residents of the community to be aware that the Township is proposing to sell the parkettes and ask for their opinions.

Commissioner Wilson announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss an item of personnel; commented on the fact that the Township is interested in contracting with other municipalities on refuse collections to try to attract more bidders; thanked the Volunteer Fire Companies and the Recreation Advisory Board for all of their volunteer service; thanked Cheryl Stanton for all of the work that she has put into reviewing the Township's vacant properties; and stated that he would like to find a solution to dealing with the abandoned privately-owned properties in the municipality, like the one that Mr. DiDiano commented upon.

(8-163)MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.  
The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary