

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

The Regular Meeting of Monday, March 8, 2010 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli	Mr. Padula
Mr. Costa	Mr. Szoko

Ms. Fialla was absent.

(69-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of February 22, 2010, with one correction – on page 2, under motion 62-10, change 1010 to 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Communications:

Correspondence was submitted by Ralph & Gerry Marting of 309 Frazier Drive thanking the Wilkins Township Public Works Department for their efforts in snow removal this winter season.

Citizen's Comments:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill, Emergency Management Coordinator for Wilkins Township addressed the Board relative to the Emergency Management meeting that he attended on Friday regarding the potential for flooding in Allegheny County. It is currently anticipated that localized flooding will be minimal. It is however, anticipated that rivers will flood due to warming temperatures and forecasted rain over the next several days. Flooding will be the result of the melting of remaining snow pack in the Laurel Highlands and the mountains of West Virginia and Maryland which ultimately contribute to the Youghiogheny and Cheat Rivers.

Reports:

Police Report for February 2010

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	319	258
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	21	
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	12	
Criminal Offenses Cleared	12	
Traffic Citations Issued	56	15
Parking Tags Issued	33	19
Parking Citations Issued	4	2
Monies collected during month	\$4,121.90	\$8,346.59

Ed Bruener's Monthly Report can be found filed in the Manager's Office.

WTVFD #3 reported the following: Thirty One (31) Fires, man-hours 106.93, One (1) Apparatus Check, man-hours 6.00 and twenty four (24) Activities, man-hours 544.03. Total man-hours for the month 656.96.

There was one (1) building permit issued during February 2010:  
BP #2629-CS, B. J. Maintenance, 3406 William Penn Highway, Pittsburgh Pa 15235  
Commercial Interior Alteration – cost - \$138,000.00

The Township received \$1,028.88 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of February representing deed transfers which were recorded by the County in January. Total Real Estate Transfer Tax collections to date are: \$6,217.00 or 13.82% of budget.

Act 511 Tax Report for February 2010

Earned Income Tax:

Current Month	\$ 50,792.50	Previous Year	\$ 92,710.72	Difference
Current YTD	50,792.50	Previous YTD	144,101.49	(\$93,308.99)

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	6,129.75	Previous Year	34,290.20	Difference
Current YTD	26,126.58	Previous YTD	42,162.23	(\$16,035.65)

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	5,353.60	Previous Year	-0-	Difference
Current YTD	14,964.29	Previous YTD	-0-	\$ 14,964.29

Mr. John Rushford's Solicitor Report can be found in the file in the Manager's Office.

Ms. Amber Yon's Engineer's Monthly Report can be found in the file in the Manager's Office.

Recreation Report:

Commissioner Martinelli stated that there will be a luncheon and bingo for seniors held this Saturday at the Community Center. The event is sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Board and the Pittsburgh Cares Foundation. The Recreation Advisory Board will hold an Easter Party for Wilkins Township children on Saturday, March 27, 2010 beginning at noon at the Community Center. This is the last week to register for the event. Plans are continuing for the 2010 Summer Festival which will be held from June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> at Penn Center, behind Sears.

- (70-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$170,734.55 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
- (71-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the advertisement of proposed Ordinance 1004 – authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between Wilkins Township and Comcast. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
- (72-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the Manager's recommendation to reject the sealed bid received from Mr. Beam in the amount of \$500. for the sale of Lot/Block 454-L-30 and authorize the Manager to advertise for sealed bids on the property, with a minimum bid requirement of \$1,000. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EMPLOYEES PENSION BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE POLICE EMPLOYEES OF SAID TOWNSHIP.

- (73-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to read Ordinance No. 1003 for the first time by title only.
- (74-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1003.
- (75-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 11003 for the second time by title only.

(76-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to adopt Ordinance No. 1003.

Motions 73-10 through 76 -10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (C2P2) AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE.

(77-10) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to read Resolution #5-2010 by title only.

(78-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept Resolution #5-2010.

Motions 77-10 and 78-10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present..

(79-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize a meeting between representatives of Forest Hills Borough, Churchill Borough and Wilkins Township along with Senator Jay Costa and Chief of Police Amman of the Northeast Regional Police Department to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the Township Building to discuss shared police services. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(80-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the request of Chief Krancic to purchase two 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors through the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance from Tri Star at the low bid price of \$23,677 each. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting "NO".

(81-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the low-bid /quote of Thomas Contracting for the repair of the storm sewer on George Street at a cost of \$9,150.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(82-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the request of Gail Turner, President of the Penhurst Grayhurst Civic Association for an appropriation in the amount of \$200.00 to be used for landscaping of the entrances contingent upon all three entrances being maintained. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(83-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the request of the Public Works Department to use the Community Center from 6:00 PM until 12:00 AM on March 27, 2010 for the purpose of holding a retirement party. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(84-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to approve the request of the Allegheny County Federation of Women's Clubs to use the Community Center on April 7,2010 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM to hold a meeting with light refreshments. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(85-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to approve the request of Mr. N. Leonard Hill to attend a training seminar sponsored by Commonwealth Building Officials on 2009 International Residential Codes (IRC) Fire Sprinkler systems to be held on April 1, 2010 from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM at the Fox Chapel Municipal Building at a cost of \$89.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Szoko requested Mrs. Bradley arrange a meeting between representatives of Jordan Tax Service and the Board of Commissioners for April 12, 2010 at 6:00 PM to discuss delinquent real estate taxes; questioned Mr. Hill regarding storage of light poles on the lot at Nissan; reminded the Board that a Finance Committee Meeting will be held on March 29, 2010 beginning at 5:30 PM, and updated the Board regarding the last meeting of the Southeast Tax Collection District.

Commissioner Padula reminded residents that they will soon be receiving questionnaires from the United States Census Bureau and advised that if residents have questions regarding the completion of these questionnaires, a representative of the Census Bureau will be available three days a week at the Municipal Building to help them; and thanked Commissioner Szoko and the Rotary Club for their donation of \$300.00 for each of the three fire companies from the pancake breakfast.

Commissioner Costa stated that the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments held an emergency meeting last week to seek authorization for the COG to put together a business plan to compete with other tax collection businesses in securing the necessary votes from the Southeast Tax Collection District to become the district's earned income tax collector. Commissioner Costa stated that unlike other tax collection companies, any profits made by the COG's collection efforts will be returned to the municipalities in the form of dividends at the end of each year.

Commissioner Martinelli congratulated Commissioner Costa on the birth of his first grandson, Adam Joseph, this past weekend; reminded the residents that the Red Cross will hold training for individuals interested in volunteering to staff the Emergency Shelter and made the following announcements: The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 beginning at 7:00 PM, and the Administrative and Public Works Departments will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2010 in observance of the Easter Holiday.

(86-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary