

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

The Regular Meeting of Monday, March 14, 2011 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(70-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of February 28, 2011 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mrs. Madonna DeOrio of 226 Wallace Avenue submitted correspondence to the Board requesting their consideration in permitting her to rent the Community Center at no cost in the Summer/Fall to hold a wedding shower due to the fact that when she rented the facility in November, the furnace did not work; making her guests uncomfortable.

(71-11) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to advise Mrs. DeOrio that she may use the Community Center in the Summer/Fall to hold a wedding shower due to the problems with the furnace that she experienced when she rented the hall in November of 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill of 405 Kingston Drive commented upon his disagreement with Commissioner Szoko as to the appropriate number of police officers that should staff the Wilkins Department; and requested that the Board engage the citizenry prior to deciding that the number of officers should be decreased from 12 to 10.

Mr. Michael Boyd of 105 George Street commented upon the "Downspout Disconnect" program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Environment Council that he attended last week.

Mr. Karl Crary of 256 Penhurst Drive commented upon the projected budget deficits and the fact that because there are no frivolous expenditures in the Township's Budget, any cut in expenses is difficult.

Reports:

Police Report for February 2011:	2010	2011
Total Police Calls Logged	258	241
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	15	20
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	4	12
Criminal Offenses Cleared	3	6
Traffic Citations Issued	15	45
Parking Tags Issued	19	9
Parking Citations Issued	2	0
Monies Collected During February	\$8,346.59	\$3,209.28

The Public Works Department Monthly Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

WTVFD #1 reported the following: December 2010: 17 Fires, man-hours 73.50; 2 Drills, man-hours 42; 1 Meeting (Election), man-hours 42.5 and 1 Santa Detail, man-hours 25. Total man-hours for December 2010, 183.

WTVFD #1 reported the following: January 2011: 11 Fires, man-hours 109.5; 2 Drills, man-hours 49; 1 Work Details, man-hours 18; 1 Funeral, man-hours 84. Total man-hours for January 2011, 260.5.

WTVFD #1 reported the following: February 2011: 10 Fires, man-hours 63, 3 Drills, man-hours 72, 1 Special, man-hours 18, 1 Meeting, man-hours 24. Total hours for February 2011, 177.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for February 2011: 7 NFIRS, man-hours 14.78; 1 Training Class, man-hours 19.50; 6 Non-incident activities, man-hours 134.75. Total man-hours for February 2011: 169.03.

There was one (1) building permit issued: BP 2688-c-s, for Don Burke, 204 Hart Drive – Addition – Cost \$30,200.00.

The Township received \$539.00 in Deed Transfer Tax in the month of February, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of January. As of the end of February, this account is at 10.5%, or 6.5% under budget. The budget for real estate transfer tax was reduced by \$10,000.00 (from \$45,000 to \$35,000) between 2010 and 2011.

Act 511 Tax Report:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$77,239.35	Previous Year	\$50,792.50	Difference	
Current YTD	108,362.25	Previous YTD	50,792.50		\$57,569.75

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	6,779.59	Previous Year	6,129.75	Difference	
Current Ytd	6,783.82	Previous YTD	26,126.58		(\$19,342.76)

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege):

Current Month	20,838.64	Previous Year	5,373.60	Difference	
Current YTD	30,922.68	Previous YTD	14,964.29		\$15,958.39

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

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

(72-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills, in the amount of \$216,771.92, as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 173, ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE, SECTION 173.7, DEFINITIONS, TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE AND NONCONFORMING LOT AND DELETE THE DEFINITION OF YARD-SIDE; ARTICLE IV, GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 173.14, NONCONFORMING USES AND BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE THAT NORMAL MAINTENANCE OF NONCONFORMING LAND AND BUILDINGS MAY OCCUR, INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS, WHICH DO NOT ENLARGE OR EXTEND THE NONCONFORMITY AND TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR EXTENSION OF BUILDINGS ALONG NONCONFORMING LINES.

(73-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1014 for the first time, by title only.

(74-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1014.

(75-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1014 for the second time, by title only.

(76-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopting Ordinance No. 1014.

Motions 73-11 to 76-11 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(77-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to table Mr. Wilson's request for a Memorial Day contribution, pending donations by the Turtle Creek Rotary, St Colman's Church and the Turtle Creek Fire Department. The motion was defeated by a 3 to 2 vote with Mrs. Martinelli and Messrs. Costa and Padula voting "NO".

(78-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to authorize the donation of \$100.00 to Mr. Wilson for the Memorial Day ceremonies. The motion was defeated by a 3 to 2 vote with Mrs. Martinelli and Messrs. Costa and Padula voting "NO".

(79-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the donation of \$200.00 to Mr. Wilson for the Memorial Day ceremonies. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting "NO".

(80-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO approving the request of Lerah Pasqualino to use the Community Center to hold Girl Scout meetings on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM beginning in September. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(81-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor, approving the Development Agreement between the Township of Wilkins and Sheetz, contingent upon the receipt, review and approval of all Exhibits. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(82-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the request of Michael Boyd to attend a seminar entitled: "Duties of a Zoning Hearing Board," being held on March 29, 2011 at the Four Points Sheraton, Greensburg from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM at a cost of \$50.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(83-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to approve the request of Mr. Hill to attend a seminar entitled "International Fire Code Essentials," being held on April 5-8, 2011 at the Four Points Sheraton, Greensburg, at a cost of \$395.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(84-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the request of the Recreation Advisory Board for \$1,000 for the Easter Party, which will be held on April 2, 2011 beginning at 12:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Szoko stated that change is inevitable and the only way that we can sustain ourselves through life. We cannot fight change, we have to learn to adapt. What the Township wants to support (i.e., 12 police officers) is not necessarily what the Township can afford to support.

Commissioner Costa thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Fialla stated that in the wake of the disaster which struck Japan on Friday, she has a newfound belief in regulations that she previously believed infringed upon residents privacy and were intrusive.

Commissioner Padula reminded the Board and staff that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31st; stated that the VFC will hold CPR certification on March 24th; commented upon the installation of the AED in the room; commented upon the possibility of WHEMS expanding and needing space to build a facility in Wilkins; and commented upon the House of Representatives's recent vote to eliminate the requirement that newly constructed one and two family residential units be required to be sprinklered.

Commissioner Martinelli stated that the State budget that Governor Corbett has proposed will severely wound the Woodland Hills School District. A budget meeting has been scheduled by the School Board for Wednesday, March 16, 2011 and Mrs. Martinelli urged the residents to attend. Governor Corbett's cuts could mean the furlough of up to 100 teachers, the closure of one school building and the elimination of the Woodland Hills Academy.

(85-11) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary