

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

The Regular Meeting of Monday, May 10, 2010 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

(144-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the second stated meeting of April 26, 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence:

Woodland Hills Emergency Medical Services submitted correspondence requesting consideration from the Board for a \$2.00 per capita donation for 2010.

(145-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the release of 2010 funding to WHEMS in the budgeted amount of \$1.00 per capita. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(146-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to waive the reading of reports, with the exception of the Solicitor's report. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Padula voting "NO".

Reports:

Police report for the month of April 2010:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	307	253
Total criminal offenses reported	34	27
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	18	8
Criminal Offenses Cleared	20	9
Traffic Citations	17	31
Parking Tags Issued	4	9
Parking Citations Issued	0	3
Monies collected during April	\$4,335.83	5,684.43

Mr. Ed Bruener's DPW Report for April is on file in the Manager's Office.

WTVFD #1 reported the following: 9 Fires, man-hours 39, 4 Drills, man-hours 117, 1 meeting, man-hours 33 and 1 clean-up day, man-hours 7. Total man-hours for month 196.

WTVFD #3 reported the following: 7 Fires & Incidents, 146.01 man-hours and 29 Non-Incident Activities, 473.57 man-hours. Total man-hours for month 619.58.

Building Permits issued during April 2010:

Two Interior Alterations and One Plan Review
Three Pools
One Hot Tub
One Parking Lot
One Guard Rail
One Furnace

The Township received \$3,668.38 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of April representing deed transfers which were recorded by the County in March. Total Real Estate transfer Tax collections to date are: \$10,777.18 or 23.95% of budget

Tax Collector’s Report for April 2010:

Balance collectable – beginning of month	\$1,319,426.60
Deductions (Exonerations)	-236.48
Adjusted collectable	1,319,190.12
Less Face Collections	-1,068,863.15
Balance collectable – End of month	250,326.97
Face amount of collections	1,068,863.15
Less: Discounts	-21,377.64
Total Cash collected	1,047,485.51
Overpayment Refunds	533.31

Act 511 Tax Reports – April 2010:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$ 25,813.34	Previous Year	21,812.60	Difference
Current YTD	181,683.88	Previous YTD	200,949.59	(\$19,265.71)

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	10,106.50	Previous Year	-0-	Difference
Current YTD	60,231.40	Previous YTD	42,162.23	\$18,069.17

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege):

Current Month	35,554.20	Previous Year	-0-	Difference
Current YTD	51,775.27	Previous YTD	-0-	\$51,775.27

Amber Yon’s Engineering Report for April 2010 is on file in the Manager’s Office.

- (147-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the Full and Final Release and Settlement Agreement between the Township of Wilkins and Paul Vargo subject to verification and reconciliation of used/unused vacation and personal days and payment of prorated longevity in amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 and subject to the return of all Township items in his personal possession. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.
- (148-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to approve a tax appeal stipulation with Associated Investors for property located on Rodi Road, agreeing to a reduction in assessed valuation from \$300,000.00 to \$150,000.00 from 2003 through the present. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (149-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$269,519.65. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CHAPTER 173, ZONING, ARTICLE I, SECTION 173-4, ZONING MAP, BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON RIDGECREST DRIVE FROM ZONING DISTRICT COMMERCIAL TO ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL 3, BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON BROWN AVENUE FROM ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL 3 TO ZONING DISTRICT COMMERCIAL, AND BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON LARIMER AVENUE FROM ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL 3 AND RESIDENTIAL 4 TO RESIDENTIAL 2.

- (150-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1005 for the first time by title only.
- (151-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1005.
- (152-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1005 for the second time by title only.
- (153-10) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to adopt Ordinance No. 1005.

Motions 150-10 through 153-10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CHAPTER 173, ZONING, ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 173-4, ZONING MAP; ARTICLE III, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 173-8, ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 173-11, CONDITIONAL USES, SECTION 173-13, LOT AND YARD REQUIREMENTS AND ARTICLE VI, CONDITIONAL USES, SECTION 173-49, CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL TO ADD A TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (TND) OVERLAY DISTRICT AS A CONDITIONAL USE FOR LARIMER AVENUE FROM HARRISON ROAD TO CHURCHILL ROAD.

- (154-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to read Ordinance No. 1006 for the first time by title only.
- (155-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1006.
- (156-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to read Ordinance No. 1006 fir the second time by title only.
- (157-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to adopt Ordinance No. 1006.

Motions 154-10 through 157-10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (158-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to approve a contract with PGH Vibes Unlimited for DJ services for the Summer Festival in the amount of \$550.00. without regard to a reduction in fee in the event of a rainout.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 09-2009, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2-2010 TO ADD A FEE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

- (159-10) MOVED COSTA-MARTINELLI to adopt Resolution No. 9-2010. The motion was not adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Messrs. Padula and Szoka and Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.
- (160-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize the Red Cross to utilize the Municipal Building as an Emergency Shelter and authorizing the use of the Community Center on June 1, 2010 for training. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (161-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the resignation/retirement of Paul Vargo. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (162-10) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bruener to contract with MSG Commercial and Fire Suppression Systems for the installation of the exhaust and fire suppression system for the kitchen stove at the Community Center and authorizing the payment of a deposit in the amount of \$3,000.00. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.
- (163-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the Township to participate in the bid process for rock salt through the SHACOG. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (164-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to authorize the Manager to attend a seminar sponsored by the Local Government Academy to be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Sheraton Station Square entitled: “Beyond Mutual Aid: Intergovernmental Cooperation, Public Safety and Homeland Security” at no cost. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (165-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to contract with Event Services for the Summer Festival. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (166-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to contract with Jimmy Ross and the Jaggerz for the Summer Festival at a cost of \$3,500.00. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioner Fialla commented upon her vote against Mr. Vargo’s settlement agreement and for his retirement/resignation request and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Padula requested that Mrs. Luffe update the website; commented upon training that VFC #4 and the owners of the former Showcase Cinemas will be conducting; commented upon the ordinances adopted this evening relative to rezoning; questioned whether or not Churchill Borough had approved a letter of intent to participate in a Police Regionalization Study yet and questioned whether or not members of the audience were permitted to tape record meetings without the participants’ knowledge.

- (167-10) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to authorize the Solicitor to provide a legal opinion regarding taping of meetings by members of the public. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.

Commissioner Szoko commented upon his vote against Resolution #9-2010 due to his concerns relative to deep-frying; requested that the budgets on-line be updated; commented that he received an anonymous letter which he forwarded to the Solicitor for response and commented upon financial housecleaning.

Commissioner Costa complained about the news media’s lack of attention on good stories in Wilkins Township and an article recently in the newspaper regarding Plum Borough’s intent to advertise for additional commercial businesses in their community.

Commissioner Martinelli thanked Mrs. Bradley for attending the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce for her last week; thanked Mr. Vargo for his years of service to Wilkins Township; thanked Joy Voeltzel for her countless hours of research to find bands for the Summer Festival; stated that the Board met in executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss items of personnel; requested that the Public Safety Committee meet to begin discussions regarding the utilization of part time police officers and

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reminded the residents that a Memorial Day celebration will be held at the Churchill Cemetery beginning at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 31, 2010.

(168-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary