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WT/VFD #3 reported the following:
 17 Fires, man-hours 37.13
 1 Training Session, man-hours 12.00
 16 Activities, man-hours 527.73
 Total man-hours for the month of April 576.86

WT/VFD #4 reported the following:
 9 Fire Calls for 40.5 man hours
 8 Fire Schools for 111.5 man-hours
 2 Drills for 26.5 man-hours
 12 Work Details for 80 man-hours
 2 Meetings for 41 man-hours
 Total man-hours for the month of April 299.5

Building Permits issued during April 2009:
 BP #2581CS 1 Permit issued to A.J Myers, 500 Brown Ave – for demolition
 Cost \$6,000.00
 BP #2582CS 1 Permit issued to Eric Miller, 10 Charnwood Drive –
 Above Ground Pool – Cost \$4,000.00
 BP #2583CS 1 permit issued to J. Stephen Hast, 3560 Ridgewood Drive
 Addition – Cost \$30,000.00

The Township received \$1,871.31 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: \$56,346.84 or 12.69% over budget for the year.

Tax Collectors Report for April 2009

Adjusted Collectable	\$1,334,380.86
Less Face Collections for Month	1,116,478.21
Balance Collectable – End of Month	217,902.65
Face Amount of Collections	1,116,478.21
Less Discounts	22,330.02
Total Cash Collected	\$1,094,148.19

PA Municipal Services – ACT 511 Tax Report

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	21,812.60	Previous Year	36,736.27	Difference
Current YTD	200,949.59	Previous YTD	166,936.39	\$34,013.20

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	-0-	Previous Year	334.72	Difference
Current YTD	42,162.23	Previous YTD	20,132.78	\$22,029.45

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	-0-	Previous Year	42,200.62	Difference
Current YTD	-0-	Previous YTD	42,200.62	(\$42,200.62)

Business Privilege Tax:

Current Month	-0-	Previous Year	5,021.97	Difference
Current YTD	-0-	Previous YTD	8,519.10	(\$8,519.10)

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

Mr. Rushford stated that as instructed by the Board, he had researched the issue of whether or not Commissioners could be subjected to mandatory drug testing. Based upon his research, this would violate the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. He has prepared a report for the Commissioners which he will provide to them. In addition, Mr. Rushford stated that he is recommending that the Board authorize the appeal of the decision issued by Judge Friedman in the Court of Common Pleas case (GD-08-19882) Wilkins Township v. the Wage Policy Committee as it relates to the DeMarco arbitration.

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

(9-135) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to appeal GD-08-19882 to the Commonwealth Court. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting "NO".

(9-136) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to award the bid for Sanitary Sewer repairs to Soli Construction at a low price of \$73,010.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-137) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to award the bid for road reconstruction to Morgan Excavating, awarding Alternate #1 – Kingston Drive from Dunbar to Frazier and Stevendale Drive from Roland to Elizabeth at a low bid price of \$141,961.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll vote.

(9-138) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to approve the payment of the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$305,855.14 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-139) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Engineer to prepare and advertise bids for the demolition of 512 Washington Street. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-140) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the donation of goods remaining at 512 Washington Street. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-141) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vargo to apply for CDBG Year 36 funds for a materials only grant in the amount of \$10,000 for paving one or more of the following roads, dependent upon their falling within the low-to-moderate income benefit level and the total cost of the project: Montgomery, Washington (from Hazel to Montgomery), Leax Lane, Upper Mortimer and Cherry Way. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(9-142) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of Mr. Hill to apply for CDBG Year 36 funds for the demolition of the following structures:
Unfunded CDBG Year 35 and Neighborhood Stabilization Program structures:
843 Railroad Street, 901 Larimer Avenue, 701-703 Larimer Avenue, 875 Larimer Avenue, 816 Thompson Street, 608 Stewart Street, 255 Harrison Road, 245 Harrison Road, 330 Cline Street, 503 Washington Street, 370 Cline Street, 122 Linhart Street, 130 Meadow Street, 591 Negley Avenue, 441 Wilbur Street, 429 Wilbur Street and 589 Ayers Alley. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (9-143) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to authorize Three Rivers Wet Weather to submit Summary Report and flow data to the Department of Environmental Protection/County of Allegheny on behalf of Wilkins Township, as required by the Consent Order and Agreement . The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (9-144) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Solicitor to review the proposed contract between the Township of Wilkins and Code.sys for the provision of a third party electrical inspector, pursuant to the recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision relative to this issue. The motion was adopted by a 4 to one vote with Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.
- (9-145) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vargo to exercise the second year of the SHACOG rock salt contract. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Rules and Regulations – Community Center Rentals:

Mrs Bradley provided the Board a draft set of rules and regulations for the rental of the Community Center. She stated that the Board needed to make a number of decisions relative to these rentals, beginning with whether or not the Board really wants to provide rental opportunities. Other issues which need to be addressed include: whether the Center should be available only to Wilkins residents, or to all individuals; what the appropriate rental fee schedule should be – and whether or not to offer residents a discount whether or not alcohol (and what types/who will serve) should be served. The Commissioners were asked to provide their comments to Mrs. Bradley prior to the next meeting.

- (9-146) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to approve the request of the Allegheny County Police Training Academy to utilize the Township’s facilities on October 5th and October 6th, 2009 for the purpose of providing mandatory training. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (9-147) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the request of the Wilkins Township Democratic Committee to use the Community Center on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 for the purpose of holding a coffee. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioner Szoko commented upon 2009 total tax paid by the Kuhn’s Market; stated that it is important to be business friendly; questioned the Solicitor regarding the District Attorney’s findings relative to the Wilkins Advisor; and read an editorial comment regarding smell tests.

Commissioner Padula stated that Wilkinsburg will lend the Township their new Fire Safety Trailer for use at this year’s Summer Festival; thanked the residents for coming to the grand opening of the Community Center and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Commissioner Fialla stated that she believes we need to revamp the political sign ordinance; she does not believe that the Board of Commissioners would do away with the Road crew; thanked Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Patty Stewart for cleaning the Community Center and wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.

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Commissioner Costa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and reminded residents to vote next Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he agrees that the Board should be business friendly and commented upon Mr. D'Andrea's real estate tax payment; thanked everyone for their attendance at the Community Center grand opening and wished all of the candidates in the election good luck.

(9-148) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley,
Secretary

