

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005

The Regular Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2005 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President William G.. Wilson. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Wilson		Mrs. Martinelli
Mr. Greco	Mr. Padula	Ms. Fialla

(5-94) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the minutes of the Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2005. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Scott Gross, Contract Manager for A. Folino Construction: Notifying the Township that reconstruction work on Brown Avenue from Lewin Lane to 700' past Cedar Street will begin on Monday, May 9, 2005. Milling and paving is scheduled to be performed during the evening.
2. Dennis M. Davin, Director, County of Allegheny Department of Economic Development: Regarding Township decision to Opt-In or Opt-out of the County's CDBG and HOME programs for the years 2006-2008 (Year 32-34).

(5-95) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to opt-in to the County's CDBG and HOME programs for the program years 2006, 2007 and 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Dennis M. Davin, Director, County of Allegheny Department of Economic Development: Notifying the Township that CDBG funds for 2004 Emergency Flood Related Activities Grant for the Ivy Street Bridge project are being denied due to FEMA reimbursing the Township for repair expenses.

Mrs. Bradley and Mr. McKeever explained to the Board that although the Township had not been officially notified, we expected that we were to receive a CDBG allocation of around \$108,000. for the Ivy Street Bridge. Similarly, although the Township has not been notified of the obligation of funding through FEMA for this project worksheet in the amount of \$39,000. was recommended for funding by a FEMA representative. Because we are receiving FEMA funding in the amount of \$39,000., we are no longer being considered for CDBG funding in the amount of \$108,000.

Mr. McKeever stated that he spoke with Bill Kochan from the County Development Office and also spoke with Barb Fallon from the Turtle Creek Valley COG. They recommended that the Township file an emergency application for the funding difference between the FEMA grant and the CDBG allocation.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2004 FLOOD RELATED ACTIVITIES.

(5-96) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to adopt Resolution #5-2005, authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Allegheny County Department of Development for September 2004 flood related activities in the amount of \$69,000.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Deborah Friedman, Membership Committee, Century Club: Requesting permission to use the municipal building on August 28, 2005 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM for the purpose of holding a “Welcome to Our Community” event for new residents of the Township.

(5-97) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to grant the Century Club the use of the Township Building on August 28, 2005 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM for the purpose of holding a “Welcome to Our Community” event for new residents

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5. Winifred Klingerman, Turtle Creek Valley Memorial Day Association: Inviting The Township to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 30, 2005 and requesting a donation for the event.

(5-98) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to authorize the donation of \$100.00 to Turtle Creek Valley Memorial Day Association for their annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30, 2005. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

6. George & Helen Kemeny of 141 Penhurst Drive – thanking the Commissioners for paving Penhurst Drive and keeping their promise to do so.

7. Denise Olson, 148 Sunset Drive – requesting permission to install a wooden sign at the intersection of Sunset and Old William Penn.

(5-99) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to waive the reading of reports. The motion failed by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and the Messrs. Padula and Wilson voting “NO.REPORTS:”

Chief Guthrie’s Report for April 2005:

Total Police Calls Logged	284
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	34
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	27
Criminal Offenses Cleared	22
Traffic Citations Issued	36
Parking Tags Issued	28
Parking Citations Issued	2
Monies collected during April 2005	\$3,295.84

Mr. Vargo’s report can be found, filed, in the Manager’s Office.

WTVFD #1 Reported 12 fires, 3 practices and 2 meetings for April with total man-hours of 227.7.

WTVFD #3 reported 10 fires and 8 activities and training with total man-hours of 128.50.

WTVFD #4 reported 9 fire calls, 2 fire schools, 2 drills and 5 work details with total man-hours of 228.75

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING APRIL:

- 2 Additions and alterations with construction costs of \$2,599.00.
- 1 Retail interior alteration at a cc of \$25,450.00
- 1 Plan Review – both Soffer’s Bldg #1, Suite 525

Real Estate Tax for the month of April \$4,876.21.

Treasurer/Tax Collectors report for April:

Balance Collectable				\$ 1,024,261.33
Additions				28.10
Deductions				2,381.46
Adjusted collectable				1,021,907.79
Less Face Collections				671,196.63
Exonerations				983.65
Balance Collectable				350,711.34
Total Refunds to date				983.65
Face amount of Collections				611,196.63
Less Discounts				13,424.01
Total Cash Collected				657,772.62

Act 511 – PA Municipal Services

EARNED INCOME TAX

Current Month	\$ 24,163.24	Previous Year	\$ 38,625.91	Difference
Current YTD	143,932.24	Previous YTD	151,555.15	(7,622.91)

OCCUPATION PRIVILEGE TAX

Current Month	594.55	Previous Year	3,105.00	Difference
Current YTD	8,448.55	Previous YTD	11,711.11	(3,262.56)

MERCANTILE TAX

Current Month	636.17	Previous Year	2,538.73	Difference
Current YTD	636.17	Previous YTD	5,090.35	(4,454.18)

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX

Current Month	15,883.06	Previous Year	7,369.15	Difference
Current YTD	15,883.06	Previous YTD	11,776.50	4,106.56

SOLICITORS REPORT:

1. Public Hearings Scheduled for demolition of Sunset Lanes, Yost Café, Slat House
2. Harvey Taylor – DEP has filed a contempt of court charge
3. Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement is in proper legal form and can be accepted.

The Engineer's Report can be found filed in the Manager's Office.

(5-100)MOVED GRECO-PADULA to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of \$237,277.72 for the month of April. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(5-101)MOVED PADULA-GRECO to authorize the Manager to speak with applicants for summer help regarding employment for the purpose of completing the requirements of the Records Management Study Grant. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(5-102)MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to authorize those elected and appointed officials who wish to attend the Eastern Communities meeting being held in Penn Hills on Thursday, May 19, 2005 to attend at a cost of \$22.00 per person. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

The Commissioners reviewed the revised Wilkins Township Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations presented by the Civil Service Board. The following items were commented upon: 1) Act 120 Certification requirements; 2) Educational requirements; 3) age requirements; 4) Board ability to circumvent Civil Service provisions for hiring previous officers; 5) Eligibility list expiration. Chairman Wilson stated that the Public Safety Committee should continue to review the rules for recommendation back to the Board.

- (5-103)MOVED GRECO-MARTINELLI to grant the request of Mr. Sejko authorizing Wilkins Township Retired Police Officers to receive photo identification at Townshio expense. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote – Mr. Padula and Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.
- (5-104)MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to grant the request of the Penhurst Civic Association and Sergeant DeMarco to use the municipal building on Thursday, June 2, 2005 for a Crime Watch Meeting. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-105)MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to enter into a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for participation in the federal equitable sharing program for the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds and any interest earned thereon and authorizing the appropriate officials to execute the agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-106)MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to authorize the Manager to attend a 2005 Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the Local Government Academy on May 24th from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM and Tuesday, May 31st from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Forest Hills Recreation Center at a cost of \$75.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-107)MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to authorize the request by Mr. N. Leonard Hill to attend the PA Association of Arson Investigators in State College, PA from Tuesday, June 7th through Thursday, June 9th at a cost of \$248.00 which includes lodging. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-108)MOVED PADULA-GRECO to authorize the payment of \$4,037.05 to Adams Trophies and Sporting Goods for baseball uniforms and hats in lieu of a donation to the Baseball Association. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-109)MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to authorize the execution of the option in the contract between North American Salt Company and the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for an additional year term, commencing August 1, 2005 and terminating July 31, 2006. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-110)MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize the purchase of an ambulance from Woodland Hills Emergency Services jointly with the Borough of Forest Hills at a cost of \$8,000.00 to be equally split between the two municipalities for the purpose of acting as the unit into which a jointly purchased video camera and inspection system for the sanitary sewer systems will be placed. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-111)MOVED GRECO-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vargo to award the SHACOG 2005 bid for ID-2 Binder and Wearing to Lindy Paving in the amount of \$28.00 per ton for binder and \$32.50 per ton for wearing picked up and the same prices plus a sixty-two dollar and fifty cent per hour truck charge delivered. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(5-112)MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to authorize the Township Manager to notify Code.sys Code Consulting of the Township's intent to terminate the contract for the provision of Electrical Inspections effective thirty (30) days after the receipt of written notice, pursuant to the advise of legal counsel. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Padula requested that Mr. Vargo remove the sign at the entrance to Gardenia Drive for Rescue One and also that the other sign be removed and modified to indicate what actually exists at the Municipal Building. Requested that the Board consider canceling the second stated meeting for the month of June (June 27th) and agree to meet with Allegheny County representatives at the County Emergency Operations Center to discuss Wilkins dispatch services which are scheduled to move to the EOC at the end of 2005.

(5-113)MOVED PADULA-GRECO to cancel the second stated meeting for the month of June (June 27th) for the purpose of meeting with County officials at the Emergency Operations Center. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Padula also stated that he attended the Mass that was held for Fire, Police and other Emergency service workers at St. Maurice. Requested that the Commissioners consider appointment of a Public Safety representative to attend the Woodland Hills Emergency Services meetings. Mrs. Bradley was directed to determine the dates and frequencies of the meetings and refer this information to the Public Safety Committee for recommendation.

Ms. Fialla reminded all that Election Day is next Tuesday and requested that all get out and vote.

Mrs. Martinelli thanked Mr. Vargo and his Department, Mr. McKeever and Mrs. Bradley for a job well done on the recent paving of George, Penhurst and Harrison Road. Also applauded the efforts of the Penhurst Civic Association in meeting with the intent of forming a Crime Watch and requested that Mr. Vargo ensure that the Mates-Linhart Cemetery is prepared for the Memorial Day celebration.

Mr. Greco also reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, May 17th and asked all to vote. Also requested that the Commissioners consider canceling the 2nd stated meetings during the months of July and August, as has been done each summer.

(5-114)MOVED GRECO-MARTINELLI to cancel the second stated meetings of the Board of Commissioners for the months of July (July 25th) and August (August 29th). The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

President Wilson questioned Account Number 410.376 with an expenditure of \$10,495. for the month of April on the General Fund Budget. Mrs. Bradley stated that a police car which was involved in an accident in January was repaired. Although the Township was reimbursed for the cost of the repairs, this receipt is recorded in the revenue section of the budget. The expense is shown in this line-item.

(5-115)MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley, Secretary