

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

The Regular Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2011 was brought to order at 7:10 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

The Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session from 6:30 PM until 7:05 PM for the purpose of discussing on-going contact negotiations with the Maintenance Employees Union and the Wage Policy Committee and to discuss two issues of personnel.

(126-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2011, with one correction, under Commissioner Szoko's comments, change "standing by his proposal" to "standing by his amended proposal."

Communications:

Heather Sloniger, CFM, Michael Baker Jr., submitted correspondence advising the Board that + and from 7:00 to 9:30 at the Allegheny County Emergency Operations Center, 400 N. Lexington Street.

Thomas Butler, Director, Highway Ice Control Sales and Marketing for Morton Salt, Inc., submitted correspondence advising the Township that Morton is unable to continue the contractual relationship at the adjusted price in the SHACOG Salt Bid, Option Year #1.

(127-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to waive the reading of reports. The motion was denied by a 3 to 2 vote with Messrs. Costa and Padula and Mrs. Martinelli voting "NO".

Reports:

Police Report for April 2011:	2010	2011
Total Police Calls Logged	253	262
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	27	26
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	8	17
Criminal Offenses Cleared	9	18
Traffic Citations Issued	31	27
Parking Tags Issued	9	5
Parking Citations Issued	3	11
Monies collected during April	\$5,684.43	\$2,765.44

Mr. Edward Bruener's DPW Report has been filed in the Manager's Office.

WT/VFD #1 reported the following: 12 Fires, man-hours 40.5; 2 Practices/Drill, man-hours 27.5; 1 Meeting, man-hours 39; 1 Special-Penn Center, man-hours 11. Total man-hours – April 118.

WT/VFD #3 reported the following: 8 NFIRS-Incidents, man-hours 31.86; 16 Non-Incident Activities, man-hours 642.77. Total man-hours – April 674.63.

Building Permits Issued during April 2011:

BP 2692-CS, SHEETZ, INC., 3459 WM PENN HWY., SHEETZ STORE – Cost \$1,015,000.  
BP 2694-CS, Robert Theim, 810 Alpine Blvd., - Porch Roof – Cost \$425.00

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The Township received \$11,093.03 in deed transfer tax in the month of April, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of March. As of the end of April, this account is at 51.1% or 18% over budget, due to the transfer of property from NAI Acquisitions to Sheetz. The budget for real estate transfer tax was reduced by \$10,000 (from \$45,000 to \$35,000) between 2010 and 2011.

Tax Collector's Report for April 2011:

Balance Collectable – Beginning of month	\$1,151,145.57
Additions	44.22
Deductions (Exonerations)	-276.20
Adjusted Collectable	1,150,913.59
Less Face Collections	-967,156.26
Balance Collectable – End of Month	183,757.33
Face Amount of Collections	967,156.26
Less: Discounts	-19,343.54
Total Cash Collected	947,812.72
Overpayment Refunds	103.59

Act 511 Tax Report:

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$ 28,337.08	Previous Year	\$25,813.34	Difference:
Current YTD	179,959.22	Previous YTD	181,683.88	(\$1,724.66)

Local Service Tax:

Current Month	10,202.25	Previous Year	10,106.50	Difference:
Current YTD	33,672.61	Previous YTD	60,231.40	(\$26,558.79)

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	41,121.64	Previous Year	35,554.20	Difference:
Current YTD	74,300.91	Previous YTD	51,775.27	\$22,525.64

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

Mr. Rushford advised that his office submitted a brief in the Faith Bible Baptist matter before Judge James. He expects an answer within 90 days. In addition, Mr. Rushford and Mr. Hill attended a hearing on a property tax assessment appeal for 102 Ivy Street which was filed by the Township.

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

(128-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$241,737.38. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(129-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the following contracts for the Summer Festival: Dallas Marks \$1,000; Deliverance \$600; Businessman \$1,500; Billy Price \$2,500; Joe Grushecky \$3,500; and Frankie Day \$300, contingent upon the Solicitors' recommendation that each contract include the statement: "The Contractor agrees that they will fully indemnify and hold harmless Wilkins Township, its employees, agents and assigns from any and all claims, causes of action, demands whatsoever in anyway associated with the Summer Festival." The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Messrs Costa, Padula and Mrs. Martinelli voting "YES".

(130-11) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize Senate Engineering to submit an application to Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority CITF, 2010-11 Round 2 for the following projects:

Sawmill Run Stream bank Stabilization and Dowling Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION , CHAPTER 156, TAXATION, ARTICLE VIII, TAX NOTICES, DISCOUNTS, PENALTIES AND INTEREST, TO ESTABLISH A POLICY WHEREBY THE TOWNSHIP SHALL NOT FILE REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS OR REVIVE REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS ON PROPERTIES WHERE THE REAL ESTATE TAX OWED IN ANY PARTICULAR YEAR IS ONE-HUNDRED DOLLARS OR LESS.

(131-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1016 for the first time by title only.

(132-11) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1016.

(133-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1016 for the second time by title only.

(134-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to adopt Ordinance No. 1016.

Motions 131-11 through 134-11 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL, OF GOVERNMENT'S JOINT POLICE TESTING PROGRAM.

(135-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to read Ordinance No. 1017 for the first time by title only

(136-11) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1017.

(137-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to read Ordinance No. 1017 for the second time by title only.

(138-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to adopt Ordinance No. 1017.

Motions 135-11 through 138-11 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS WITHIN THE 2011 EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY AND GENERAL FUND BUDGETS.

(139-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to adopt Resolution No. 5-2011. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF 130 QUARRY STREET, A PARCEL OF VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED IN WILKINS TOWNSHIP, ALSO REFERRED TO AS ALLEGHENY COUNTY LOT/BLOCK NUMBER 374-S-182, AND CONFIRMING THAT THIS ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION IS IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP.

(140-11) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to adopt Resolution No. 6-2011 and authorizing the Manager to execute the Conflict of Interest Statement indicating that there are no conflicts with the elected/appointed officials and the applicant. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(141-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of Mr. Hill to apply for CDBG Year 38 Funding for the demolition of 113-115 Grandview Avenue and 112 Grandview Avenue. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(142-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bruener and awarding the SHACOG asphalt bid to Lindy Paving. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(143-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to approve the request of Mr. Bruener to attend the 2011 American Public Works Association Equipment Show and Seminar at the Blueberry Hill Activity Center, Franklin Park, on June 2, 2011 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 pm at a cost of \$20.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(144-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bruener to purchase a Lincoln Ranger GTX 250 welder and cover from Valley National Gases at a cost of \$3,555.00 with funds to be drawn from the Emergency Management Fund. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Fialla reiterated that she does not have anything against the bands that the Recreation Advisory Board selected, but she does not believe that if we are asking employees to cut back and make concessions, that we should be funding these bands without knowing that there is an absolute recovery of the funds; and congratulated the Woodland Hills School students on their production of "Phantom of the Opera."

Commissioner Szoko stated that he is glad that the contract between Wilkins and Tropical Amusements is coming to an end because he believes that the Board should really consider cutting the event down to a day or two; commented upon an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette May 9<sup>th</sup> edition which compared East Liberty to Homewood; and questioned the Solicitor regarding his research on fees for fire department services and how a municipality goes about having a referendum placed on the ballot.

Commissioner Costa responded to Commissioner Fialla's comments regarding the bands for Summer Festival and explained that the Recreation meetings are open to the public and that Ms. Fialla should have attended those meetings to see how well the Recreation Board has done at shaving costs. Further, Mr. Costa stated that the worse year the Township ever sustained at Summer Festival was last year and the Township's total contribution was \$4,000. Finally, Mr. Costa welcomed Tory Parish, a reporter with the Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

Commissioner Padula also welcomed Tory Parish to the meeting and stated that he feels the same way about the Recreation Advisory Board as Mr. Costa and also stated that the Board needs to support those residents of the community who give their own time to volunteer for various boards and committees. Mr. Padula reminded the residents that next Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is the Primary Election and asked everyone to get out and vote. Finally, Mr. Padula requested that the Manager send letters to the residents of Dowling Avenue to let them know why the Public Works Department and Senate's surveyors have been in their back yards.

Commissioner Martinelli advised that Swissvale Borough will be holding a “Meet the Candidate” night tomorrow night at their Municipal Building for School Board candidates; stated that she concurs with Ms. Fialla that the Woodland Hills School District’s production of Phantom of the Opera was phenomenal; thanked the members of the Board, Mr. Bruener and Mrs. Bradley and the 30-40 volunteers who helped with the clean-up this past weekend; stated that Residence Inn had their Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony today and she, Mr. Costa and Mrs. Bradley attended on the Township’s behalf; and finally, encouraged the Township residents to take part in the Memorial Day events on Monday, May 30, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the Churchill Cemetery. Mr. Wilson has once again volunteered to chair this committee and has done an outstanding job.

(145-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary