

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The Regular Meeting of Monday, November 13, 2006 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-President Mrs. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli
Mr. Wilson

Mr. Padula
Ms. Fialla

President Frank J. Greco was absent.

(6-207) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2006 meeting. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Consent Order of Court – Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Civil Division, Summary Appeals, John Dinnocenzo and Nino Barcellino, Appellants, vs. the Wilkins Township Zoning Hearing Board, Appellee and Township of Wilkins, Intervenor, Township of Wilkins vs. The Zoning Hearing Board of Wilkins Township, Appellee (Consolidated Cases). Mrs. Bradley advised the Board that on the 30th day of October, Judge James executed a Consent Order, which was agreed to by all parties named. The consent order will permit the construction of multiple-family dwellings containing up to four (4) residential dwelling units on property owned by Mr. Barcellino and Mr. Dinnocenzo, located at the corner of Greensburg Pike and Elizabeth Street. A variance is granted as to minimum lot size and as to front and side yard set-back requirements, so long as no more than four units are constructed and so long as the front and side yard set-backs do not exceed the existing adjoining properties' setbacks, and as to the requirement that no multiple-family dwellings are to be located within two hundred fifty (250) feet of any other land used as a multiple-family dwelling.
2. Adam Knight, Operations Manager, WHEMS – requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider the adoption of an ordinance restricting private ambulance companies from soliciting for business within the community.
3. Eric Lawson, 501 Brown Avenue – regarding a request that the Board authorize the Department of Public Works to locate an 18” concrete storm pipe and catch basin on his property and clean the same.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Eric Lawson of 501 Brown Avenue discussed his correspondence and Mr. Vargo's response regarding water run-off on his property and the storm pipe and catch basin.

Dora Packowski of 194 Ridge Street thanked Mr. Wilson for organizing the Veteran's Day service held at the Elks on Saturday and stated that she would like to see Trick-or-Treat moved to Sunday afternoon instead of Halloween night.

(6-208) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to waive the reading of reports, with the exception of the Engineer's Report. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Prior to Mr. McKeever's comments on the Engineer's report, Mr. Padula questioned Chief Guthrie as to why the Police Report, for the second month in a row, stated that statistics on crimes and crimes cleared (UCR information) was unavailable. Chief Guthrie stated that Sgt. DeMarco generally completes the UCR information and since he has been off, it has not been done. The Chief stated that he will compile the information and have it to the Board this week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. Highland Avenue Roadway Failures: Mr. McKeever advised the Board that this project is now substantially completed, with only paving and guide rail placement remaining. The contractor has requested and Senate is recommending payment of \$162,129.37 for work completed.
- (6-209) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer authorizing payment to A. Merante Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$162,129.37 to be drawn from the FEMA Fund for work completed. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
2. Manhole Relining - Project National Gunitite has currently completed the relining of 57 of a total of 65 manholes and is requesting payment in the amount of \$45,766.35. Senate is recommending payment for work completed.
- (6-210) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to accept the recommendation of the Engineer authorizing payment to National Gunitite in the amount of \$45,766.35 to be drawn from the Combined Sewer Fund for work completed. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
3. A. Folino – 2006 Paving Project: As discussed at the meeting of October 30, 2006, A. Folino is requesting that the Board approve an extension to permit the 2006 Road Paving Project to be completed in the Spring of 2007. Mr. Matta, Solicitor recommended that the Board approve a motion authorizing an amendment to the current agreement with A. Folino, extending the time for construction until May 11, 2007.
- (6-211) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer and Township Solicitor to authorize an amendment to the current agreement between the Township of Wilkins and A. Folino, extending the time for construction until May 11, 2007. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
4. Vinesian Place (Bellagio, LLC). The developer is requesting a conditional acceptance of the public street, storm and sanitary facilities to allow for building connections and to provide for winter maintenance. The development bond could be reduced to cover final paving and sidewalk. The maintenance bond should be provided for \$150,000. for the extended period of five (5) years. Senate Engineering recommends acceptance contingent upon the receipt of acceptable security for the maintenance period, the reduction of financial security under Section 8 of the Development Agreement to an amount equal to 110% of the cost of final paving and sidewalk construction and the review and approval of the Township Solicitor.
- (6-212) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer, to accept the public street, storm and sanitary facilities of Vinesian Place, contingent upon the receipt of acceptable security for the maintenance period, the reduction of Financial Security under Section 8 of the Development Agreement to an amount equal to 110% of the cost of final paving and sidewalk construction, and the review and approval of the Township Solicitor. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

REPORTS:

Police Report for the month of October 2006:	2005	2006
Total Police Calls Logged	309	292
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	35	n/a
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	11	n/a
Criminal Offenses Cleared	8	n/a
Traffic Citations Issued	8	20
Parking Tags Issued	6	11
Parking Citations Issued	7	8
Monies collected during October	\$ 6,698.13	\$2,441.29

Mr. Vargo's DPW Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

WTVFD #1 reported the following: 18 Fires, 3 Practices, 6 Specials and 1 Meeting.
Total Man-hours 361.5

WTVFD #3 reported the following: 17 Fire Calls – man-hours 61.91, 2 Training Classes,
man-hours 45.87 and 11 Details – man hours 140.17.

WHEMS October 2006 Report is on file with the Fire Department Reports.

Building Permits Issued during October 2006:

Bldg. #7 – 1,2,3&4 floors – Interior Alteration – Cost \$303,304.
Bldg. #2 – 2nd floor, 250 Penn /Ctr - Interior Alteration – Cost \$15,000.
Bldg. #2 – Suite 223 – Studio “Z” – Sprinkler Alteration – Cost \$3,300.
Structural Repair – 117 Ivy – Cost \$200.00
Interior Alteration – 316 Sunset – Cost \$5,000.00
Roofs: 300 Kingston – Cost \$4,975., 658 Beech – Cost \$150.00

Deed Transfer Tax for September 2006 was \$9,482.48.

Tax Collectors Report for October 2006:

Balance Collectable	\$ 268,546.06
Additions	250.48
Deductions	-177.07
Adjusted Collectable	268,619.47
Less Face Collections for Month	2,334.74
Exonerations	177.07
Balance Collectable – End of Month	266,284.73
Total Refunds to Date	1,969.92
Face Amount of Collections	2,334.74
Plus Penalties	216.22
Less Discounts	1.97
Total Cash Collected	\$ 2,548.99

Pennsylvania Municipal Services – Act 511 Tax Report

Earned Income Tax:

Current Month	\$ 15,949.78	Previous Year	\$ 24,821.61	Difference
Current YTD	479,823.37	Previous YTD	463,219.74	\$ 16,603.63

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Emergency and Municipal Services Tax:

Current Month	\$ 312.00	Previous Year	718.20	Difference
Current YTD	247,144.83	Previous YTD	46,514.65	\$198,630.18

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	-0-	Previous Year	3,059.71	Difference
Current YTD	1,103,269.99	Previous YTD	939,469.54	\$163,800.45

Business Privilege Tax:

Current Month	-0-	Previous Year	25,842.13	Difference
Current YTD	177,430.33	Previous YTD	189,634.90	(\$12,204.57)

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

(6-213) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills for the month of October 2006 in the amount of \$231,495.81. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(6-214) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the purchase of duty weapons from Witmer Associates, Inc., for \$6,696.00, which includes the trade back of existing duty weapons (\$1,960.00), with funds to be drawn from US DOJ Asset Forfeiture Account (\$5,309.60) and the Capital Reserve Fund (\$1,386.40). The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Ordinance Number 978: 2007 Budget – First Reading, General Fund Budget – proposed revenues and expenditures: \$4,984,700; IDA Fund: \$78,200; Combined Sewer Fund; \$1,465,500; Emergency Contingency Fund; \$122,300; Emergency Management Fund; \$55,000; Capital Reserve Fund; \$594,000; Liquid Fuels Fund; \$137,080; Police Pension Fund \$241,500; Retired Members Death Benefit Fund; \$86,650; Wilkins Township Disaster Fund; \$675; FEMA Fund; \$85,175 and Community Development Fund; \$10,500

(6-215) .MOVED PADULA-WILSON to authorize the execution of an agreement with Hoffman's Kennels for stray animal disposition for the calendar year 2007. The cost of weekend/evening calls increased from \$40 to \$45 and the monthly fee increased from \$190 to \$200. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(6-215) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Wilkins Township Civil Service Board to amend Section 3.9 of the Rules and Regulations to state; "Any applicants or other persons who believe that they are aggrieved by the actions of the commission, in refusing to examine or to certify them as eligible after examination, may request a hearing before the commission within ten (10) days of receiving written notice of what is perceived as the alleged error."

EMS Tax: Mrs. Bradley stated that the Board was copied on a memorandum from Mr. John Rushford, from Mr. Cambest's office which advised the Township of Senate Bill 157 which proposed changing the name of EMS tax to "Local Service Tax" and changing the way that this tax is collected. Mrs. Bradley further advised the Board that she had provided them with a copy of an article from the Sunday Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Governor Rendell vetoed Senate Bill 157. Although the legislature could overturn Governor Rendell's veto, at this time, the Board does not need to further discuss this issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, OPPOSING STATEWIDE CABLE FRANCHISING LEGISLATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

(6-216) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to read Resolution #20 of 2006 for the first time.

(6-217) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to adopt Resolution #20 of 2006.

Motions 6-217 and 6-218 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(6-218) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the Recreation Advisory Board's proposed budget for the Christmas Party to be held on December 18, 2006 at the Elks in the amount of \$2,601.96. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(6-219) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to cancel the scheduled meeting of Monday, November 20, 2006. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Padula: Questioned whether the Township had received NIMS Certification for all required Township personnel; questioned the correspondence received from Penn Dot on the red light for Maple Lane and Rodi Road; and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Fialla: Wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy Hunting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Commissioner Wilson: Reminded residents that November is Veteran's month and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hunting.

Commissioner Martinelli: Stated that she had the honor of accompanying Ms. Nowikowski to the Monroeville R.O.C.S. dinner, honoring citizens of the year, including Patty Nowikowski. She is very proud of Patty and what she accomplished; thanked Mr. Wilson for all of his efforts in putting together the Veteran's Day celebration at the Elks and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

(6-220) MOVED WILSON-PADULA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary

