

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President William Wilson. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Wilson
Mr. Padula

Mrs. Martinelli
Ms. Fialla

Mr. Greco was absent.

(5-210) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to approve the minutes of the Second Stated Meeting of September 26, 2005 with one correction: Under Citizen's Comments, Mrs. McGrath's comments, add Mrs. McGrath requested a copy of the Solicitor's proposal for services.

Communications:

1. Constance McKeever of 118 Larchwood Drive, questioning the removal of the "No Turn on Red" sign at Brown Avenue and Briaridge and questioning the removal of "No Parking" signs on Larchwood Drive.
2. Mr. Don Woodfill, 106 Briaridge Drive, commending the recent action of the Township in removing the "No Turn on Red" sign at the intersection of Brown Avenue and Briaridge.
3. Angie Gialloreto, Chairperson, Wilkins Township Democratic Committee requesting permission to use the Conference Room in the Municipal Building on October 26, 2005 from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM for the purpose of holding a meeting.

(5-211) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the request of Ms. Gialloreto to use the conference room to hold a Democratic Committee Meeting on October 26, 2005 from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Communications

4. Sergeant Anthony DeMarco, Wilkins Township Police Department, requesting permission to use the Municipal Building on October 13, 2005 for the purpose of addressing a Boy Scout Troop on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and on October 26, 2005 for the purpose of holding a Penhurst Crime Watch Meeting.

(5-212) MOVED FIALLA-MARTINELLI to approve the request of Sergeant DeMarco to use the Municipal Building on October 13th and October 26, 2005. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Citizens' Comments:

1. Ms. Dora Packowski of 194 Ridge Street requested that the Board consider holding Halloween on Sunday from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM instead of on the traditional date of October 31, 2005 in the evening.
2. Mr. Paul Romanelli, VFC #4 Fire Chief requested information regarding the item on the agenda under "New Business" for the adoption of Resolution #12-2005.

REPORTS:

September Police Report:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Total Police Calls Logged:	355	263

Total Criminal Offenses Reported	37	41
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	19	22
Criminal Offenses Cleared	24	20
Traffic Citations Issued	37	27
Parking Tags Issued	2	22
Parking Citations Issued	22	13
Total monies collected during September	\$6,258.10	\$4,082.66

Mr. Vargo's DPW Report filed in the Manager's Office.

WTVFD#3 Report for September: Eight (8) fires – total man hours 19,70
Two (2) Training Classes 87.00 Fifteen (15) Non-incident “ 672.50

WTVFD#4 Report for September -- Fires – 11 man hours 68.75 , Drills 6 man hours 78
Fire Schools 9 – man hours 166, Public Service 1 man hours 15. Total M/Hrs 327.75

Building Permits Issued – September 2005

Two (2) Residential Additions & Alterations - Construction cost \$32,500.00
Two (2) Signs
Two (2) Soffer – 1 Sprinkler, 1 Interior Alteration – Const. cost \$72,496.00
Two (2) Vocollect – 1 Compactor, 1 Int. Alteration “ “ \$39,610.00

Deed Transfer Tax: The Township received \$32,061.14 in real estate transfer taxes during the month of September, 2005. Of that amount, \$29,092.25 was received for a transfer of lease assignment between Starwood Ceruzzi Wilkins and Inland Western Pittsburgh Wm Penn L.P. for the Home Depot for a consideration of \$5,818,450.00. Be advised that this is just a lease assignment. The property continues to be owned by Conley With this addition to the 2005 budget, the line item for Real Estate Transfer Tax is now: \$66,916.62, or 131.21 % of budget..

Treasurer's Report for September 2005:

Adjusted Collectable	\$222,772.97
Less Face Collections for month	2,418.71
Balance Collectable – end of month	220,354.26
Total Refunds to date	1,515.51
Face Amount of Collections	2,418.71
Plus: Penalties	241.87
Total Cash Collected	2,660.58

PA Municipal Services – Act 511

Earned Income Taxes

Current Month	\$ 11,295.52	Previous Year	\$ 15,317.59	Difference
Current YTD	438,398.13	Previous YTD	430,669.12	\$ 7,729.01

Occupation Privilege Tax:

Current Month	860.00	Previous Year	1,649.90	Difference
Current YTD	47,796.45	Previous YTD	46,688.68	\$ 1,107.77

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	15,040.12	Previous Year	3,630.09	Difference
Current YTD	936,409.83	Previous YTD	970,279.67	(\$33,869.84)

Business Privilege Tax:

Current Month	10,887.63	Previous Year	15,614.35	Difference
Current YTD	163,792.77	Previous YTD	149,818.64	\$13,974.13

WILKINS TOWNSHIP PARK PERMITS – 2005

Fifty Two (52) permits issued
Forty Eight (48) Permits paid (\$50.00 ea = \$2,350.00)
Four (4) Exemptions, One (1) check returned

Linhart Park – Twenty Five (25 Reservations)

Eastmont Park – Fourteen (14 Reservations)

Lions Park – Twelve (12 Reservations)

Senate Engineering's Report is filed in the Manager's Office.

All reports were read. Ms. Fialla questioned Mr. McKeever under the Engineer's Report as to why the bids on the Straley Bridge were so disbursed, with the low bid coming in at \$65,885.00 and the high bid at \$181,399.00. Mr. McKeever stated that he was not sure why there were such high bids. For comparison sake, the Board should be aware that FEMA estimated the project at \$55,000.00.

(5-213) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to pay the bills for September 2005 in the amount of \$290,414.04. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(5-214) MOTION MARTINELLI-PADULA to approve the following educational requirement for inclusion in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations: "every applicant for any position within the Police Department shall possess a diploma from an accredited high school or a graduate equivalency diploma (GED) in addition to which, the applicant shall possess a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement/Criminology (or related law enforcement field) from an accredited college; or an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement/Criminology (or related law enforcement field) in addition to which the applicant must have at least four years of prior experience in the United States Military in a law enforcement position or within another Police Department as a full time officer, or the equivalent combination of military service, full time police officer service and Associates Degree.

ORDINANCE NO. 973

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION (B) (IV) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION AND THE NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION LOCAL TAX ABATEMENT ACT, ACT 202 OF 1986, 72 P.S. SECTION 4754-1. ET SEQ., A REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENT SCHEDULE FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION UPON UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE.

(5-215) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to read Ordinance #973 by title only for the first time.

(5-216) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to accept the first reading of Ordinance #973 .

(5-217) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to read Ordinance #973 for the second time.

(5-218) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to adopt Ordinance #973.

Motions 5-215 to 5-218 inclusive were adopted by a three to one vote with Ms. Fialla voting No. (Mr. Greco absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 12-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CABLE SYSTEM AND FRANCHISE.

- (5-219) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to adopt Resolution No. 12-05, consenting to the assignment of the Township's cable system and franchise from Adelphia Cable to Comcast. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
- (5-220) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to award the bid for the demolition and construction of the bridge structure located on Straley Lane to Gregori Construction. Said award is contingent upon the consent of FEMA to construct a culvert (pipe) in lieu of a cement slab in the amount of \$65,885.00 and if FEMA alternatively requires the construction of a cement slab said award is to Gregori Construction in the amount of \$76,185.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
- (5-221) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to approve the request of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development for the use of the Municipal Building on November 2, 2005 from 6:00 PM until 9:30 PM for a public hearing to receive comments on the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
- (5-222) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to table the assignment of Bonus Points accumulated through a Verizon Bonus program to the Hurricane Katrina flood relief effort pending the review and approval by the Solicitor. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.
- (5-223) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to schedule Halloween in Wilkins Township on Monday, October 31, 2005 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Padula reminded the public that the Recreation Advisory Committee will hold their annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 22, 2005.

Ms. Fialla: No comments.

Mrs. Martinelli: Requested that the Fire Chiefs consider scheduling the annual Christmas Parade on a different date than the Recreation Advisory Committee's Christmas Party. Gave an update on the seminars and events at Seven Springs during the Commissioners' conference the week of September 20th.

Mr. Wilson: Thank everyone for coming out on a holiday (Columbus Day)

The meeting was recessed into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter at 8:05 PM. The meeting was reconvened at 8:55 PM.

- (5-224) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary

