

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

The Regular Meeting of Monday, October 10, 2011 was brought to order at 7:05 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(241-11) MOVED COSTA - PADULA to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2011, with one correction – at Motion 233-11, change “AEK” to “AWK”/

Communications:

Judy Ghion, Manager of Administrative Services for Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, submitted an email to the Township advising that the township’s health care premium is projected to increase by 49% between 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Rushford read correspondence from the Board of Commissioners to the Wage Policy Committee of Wilkins Township apologizing for any comments made during negotiations that were perceived as hurtful or harmful to the employment relationship.

Citizens’ Comments:

Ms. Dorothy Musial of 313 Frazier Drive again suggested that the Township look into the type of insurance that she has – it is a zero premium, high-deductible plan for Medicare eligible individuals.

Ms. Helen Simmons of 634 Mortimer Avenue stated that she does not agree with comments made by Commissioner Szoko during the budget meeting that Wilkins is a “middle-class” Township and commented upon recent activities concerning Mr. Hill.

Reports:

All reports were read. Under Solicitor Report, the Solicitor reported that the intergovernmental Agreement and the Dedication Agreement for the traffic signal at Maple and Rodi were completed and had been executed by all the parties. The Board will be required to adopt an ordinance at their next meeting, formally adopting the agreements.

Police Report for September, 2011:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	278	263
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	30	31
Criminal Arrests / Persons Charged	7	13
Criminal Offenses Cleared	5	11
Traffic Citations Issued	32	27
Parking Tags Issued	6	15
Monies Collected During September	\$3,389.27	\$3,631.88

Mr. Bruener’s DPW Report is on file in the manager’s office

VFD #1 reported the following: 9 Fire Calls, Man Hours 77; Drills 4, Man Hours 87.5

VFD #3 reported the following: 13 Fire Calls, Man Hours 37.08; Training: Man Hours 22; Activities 430.04.

VFD #4 reported the following: 8 Fire Calls, Man Hours 37; Drills 5, Man Hours 38.75; Work Details 11, Man Hours 82; Meetings: 3; Man Hours 59.5 Total Man Hours 217.25

Building Permits:

300 Frazier Drive	Residential Repair	\$ 1,700
3448 Wm Penn Highway	Interior Alteration & Plan Review	\$30,000

Deed Transfer Tax:

The Township received \$2,020.76 in deed transfer tax in the month of September, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of August. As of the end of September, this account is at 79.7% or 4.7% over budget.

Tax Collector's Report for the month of September, 2011:

Balance Collectible – Beginning of the month	\$85,353.49
Additions & Exonerations	3,672.23
Adjusted Collectible	89,025.72
Less Face Collections	2,385.14
Balance Collectible – End of the month	86,640.58
Total Cash Collected	\$ 2,625.16

Act 511 Tax Report:

Earned Income Tax:

Current Month	\$33,719.44	Previous Year	\$28,082.64	Difference
Current YTD	507,258.03	Previous YTD	494,888.99	\$12,369.04

Local Service Tax

Current Month	\$25,172.14	Previous Year	\$24,851.31	Difference
Current YTD	112,764.29	Previous YTD	133,146.69	(\$20,382.40)

Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege)

Current Month	\$55,388.90	Previous Year	\$ 7,589.64	Difference
Current YTD	581,081.08	Previous YTD	534,150.15	\$46,930.93

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

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

(242-11) MOVED SZOKO – PADULA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$452,478.24 as presented. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE ACQUISITION AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF 454-G-224, A PARCEL OF VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED IN WILKINS TOWNSHIP. ON CURRY AVENUE, AND CONFIRMING THAT THIS ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION IS IN ACCORD WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP.

(243-11) MOVED PADULA – COSTA to read Resolution #15-2011 by title only. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(244-11) MOVED PADULA – COSTA to adopt Resolution #15-2011. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(245-11) MOVED COSTA – PADULA to authorize the advertisement of proposed Ordinance No. 1020, adopting an intergovernmental agreement and dedication agreement between the Township and Penn Hills. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present.

(246-11) MOVED PADULA – COSTA to authorize the advertisement of requests for proposals and qualifications for the position of engineer. The motion was adopted by a three to two vote with Mr. Szoko and Ms Fialla voting “NO”.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Szoko stated that Wilkins is officially a First Class Township, but his comments during the budget meeting were more reflective of the economic situation of the residents of the community; stated that the Township is facing a one-million dollar deficit in 2013 and it is necessary for the Board to continue to take actions to “right-size”; suggested elimination of health care for the manager’s secretary, creating two part time positions from her full time position and eliminating health care for the members of the Board of Commissioners and questioned the Solicitor regarding Senate Bill 828.

Commissioner Padula thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening and stated that the Board will continue to reduce expenses the best it can without cutting services; stated that he disagrees with Commissioner Szoko regarding eliminating more police officers and that we need to find a way to pave.

Commissioner Fialla stated that there are only so many places that the Township can reduce costs and suggested that the Board find a way to meet the taxpayers in the middle; thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and questioned the solicitor regarding Senate Bill 828.

Commissioner Costa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting; congratulated the Public Works department on the progress that they had made on Balint Bridge and reminded everyone that the Pumpkin Patch Party will be held on October 22, 2011.

Commissioner Martinelli asked those in attendance at the meeting to talk with their neighbors about the Township’s budget and invite them to the next meeting to problem solve; stated that she would like to see the room filled with people who will provide those opinions.

(247-11) MOVED COSTA – PADULA to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of all present. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary