

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2006

The Regular Meeting of Monday, October 9, 2006 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Frank Greco. A quorum was present as follows:

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

Mr. Wilson was absent due to illness.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Bradley stated that two changes had been made to the agenda. First, under communications, the first item – Mr. Elias Sejko Chairman of the Civil Service Commission has been deleted and will not be read. Under New Business, Item number 2 (Discussion of Civil Service Requirements for Police Officers) has been deleted from the agenda, however, the Board will still discuss the request of the Wage Policy Committee for the employment of an additional officer.

(6-191) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2006. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Krystall Kenderish, 100 Tynewood Drive, resigning as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board due to relocation of residency.

(6-192) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to accept the resignation of Krystall Kenderish from the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

2. Cynthia LaPietra, Faith Christian School, 801 Thompson Street, Wilkins Township, requesting that the Board consider refunding a portion of the sewage charge on their current bill since they had a leak.

(6-193) MOVED FIALLA-MARTINELLI to approve the request of the Faith Christian School for forgiveness of the Township's portion of the sewage bill that the School received due to an apparent leak. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

3. Cheryl Fedder, 110 George Street, requesting that the Township install a traffic mirror at the intersection of Harrison Road and George Street due to poor sight distance caused by pine trees.

(6-194) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to approve the request of Mrs. Fedder, as recommended by Mr. Vargo, to install a traffic mirror at the intersection of Harrison and George Street. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. John Martinelli, 210 George Lane, questioned whether the petition for the removal of the manager had been presented to the Board and directly questioned Commissioner Fialla as to her involvement with the group of citizens who stated that they had begun the petition. He questioned whether this issue is over and whether the group is just trying to bury the issue now. He further stated that he believes that the manager is due a public apology from this group.

REPORTS:

Monthly Police Report for September 2006:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	263	268
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	41	N/A
Criminal Arrests/persons charged	22	N/A
Criminal Offenses Cleared	20	N/A
Traffic Citations Issued	27	15
Parking Tags Issued	22	1
Parking Citations Issued	13	0
Monies Collected during September	\$4,082.66	\$2,582.79

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

WTVFD #1 Report for June 2006: 12 Fires, 4 Practices, 1 Meeting, 6 Specials, Total June Man-hours 491.5.

July 2006: 23 Fires and 1 Meeting – Total July Man-hours: 180.

August 2006: 12 Fires, and 5 Practices – Total Man-hours: 225.5

September 2006: 14 Fires, 3 Practices, 1 Meeting and 1 Training Session – Total Man-hours: 180.

WTVFD #3 reported 13 Fires and 12 Non-Incident Activities with Total Man-hours 612.

WTVFD #4 reported 14 Fires, 9 Fire Schools, 3 Drills, 3 Public Service Calls and 2 Work Details – Total Man-hours 214.25.

The WHEMS Report for September is on file with the VFD Reports.

Building Permits Issued During September 2006:

Caryle Land (Sprint) Interior Alteration, Cost \$70,000.00
Soffer – Building #3, 1st & 2nd Floor – INT ALT, Cost \$35,700.00
Soffer – Building #4, Suite 600 – INT ALT, Cost \$22,142.00
Soffer – Building #2, Studio “Z” – INT ALT, Cost \$9,532.00
Home Depot – H-VAC Repair – Cost \$45,000.00
Pep Boys – Oil Storage Tank – Cost \$2,500.00
BYZANTINE, 995 Greensburg Pike – Install “SUBWAY”, Cost \$65,000.00
SMITH Gas Station – DEMOLITION of Car Wash Building, Cost \$5,000.00
CONTEMPORARY CONCEPTS – McCormick Ren – INT ALT, Cost \$32,000.00
NEW HOME – 1610 Vinesian Place , Cost \$150,000.00

3 Roofs – Cost \$2,500.00

1 Pool – Cost \$-0-

Real Estate Taxes for September was \$18,012.65.

Tax Collectors September 2006 Report:

Balance Collectable	\$270,644.02
Deductions:	-344.62
Adjusted Collectable	270,299.40
Less Face Collections	1,753.34
Exonerations	344.62
Balance Collectable	268,546.06
Total Refunds to Date	1,792.85
Face Amount of Collections	1,753.34
Plus Penalties	175.34
Total Cash Collected	1,928.68

PA Municipal Services Act 511

Earned Income Taxes:

Current Month	\$26,467.50	Previous Year	\$ 11,295.52	Difference
Current YTD	463,873.59	Previous YTD	438,398.13	\$ 25,475.46

Emergency & Municipal Services Tax:

Current Month	4,290.73	Previous Year	860.00	Difference
Current YTD	246,832.83	Previous YTD	47,796.45	\$ 199,036.38

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	1,127.62	Previous Year	15,040.12	Difference
Current YTD	1,103,269.99	Previous YTD	936,409.83	\$166,850.16

Business Privilege Tax

Current Month	211.04	Previous Year	10,887.63	Difference
Current YTD	177,430.33	Previous YTD	163,792.77	\$ 13,637.56

Mr. Gary Matta's Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

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

The Senate Engineering Company Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

(6-195) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to approve the schedule of bills as read in the amount of \$227,430.75. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Mrs. Bradley read the recent order of the court entered in the matter of the Department of Environmental Protection v. Harvey Taylor, Erik F. Lawson and Jerry Countouris.

Mrs. Bradley presented the proposed 2007 Budget for all funds to the Board of Commissioners. The budget will be presented again at the regularly scheduled meeting of October 30, 2006, with first reading scheduled on the Ordinance at the regularly scheduled meeting of November 13, 2006.

The Board discussed the request of the Wage Policy Committee regarding whether the position that was vacated by the retirement of one police officer would be filled. The Board stated that the funds for the position have been included in the 2007 Budget. Currently, the Civil Service process is in motion. Once an eligibility list is completed, the Board will consider the replacement.

The Board reviewed the proposal submitted by the Duty Weapons Committee (Officers Brokaw, Schlanger, Lehew and Sergeant DeMarco) for a new Township-issued duty weapon. Officer Kemp spoke to the Board about the recommended weapon, accessories and costs. The Board complimented the Duty Weapons Committee on a very thorough job in researching the issue. After review of the trade-in values of the current weapons, the increase in cost to add a "spare" weapon and a determination of where additional funds will be drawn from, the Board expects to vote on the Duty Weapons Committee's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

(6-196) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the following requests made by Mr. N. Leonard Hill:

(a). Request to attend a Residential Electrical Essentials class offered by the PA Construction Code Academy (PCCA) to be held at the Mountain View Inn in Greensburg on November 14th-15th at a cost of \$195.00.

(b). Recommendation that Mr. Slobodnyak attend a course entitled “Understanding the 2003 Property Maintenance Code” offered by the Building & Fire Code Academy on November 8th-9th in Pittsburgh at a cost of \$255.00.

(c). Recommendation that the Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshals attend a course entitled “Understanding Assembly Means of Egress (Fire Prevention). This course, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners earlier in the year, is being offered again. The previous course was cancelled due to lack of participation. The course is sponsored by the Building and Fire Code Academy and will be held on November 21, 2006 in Pittsburgh at a cost of \$160.00 per applicant.

The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present

(6-197) MOTION PADULA-MARTINELLI to approve the request of Mrs. Bradley to attend the PELRAS/APMM conference scheduled on November 10, 2006 at the Radison in Monroeville at a cost of \$75.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll vote of all present.

(6-198) MOVED MARTINELLI-PADULA to approve the continued use of the Municipal Building Auditorium for mandatory police training until the Rescue #1 building is finished. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Mrs. Martinelli reminded the residents that it is not too late to sign up for the Recreation Advisory Board's Halloween Party. Registration runs through October 14th. The party will be held on October 28th at VFC #3. The Recreation Advisory Committee Christmas party will be held on December 16th at the Elks. Also read a letter from the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce congratulating Ms. Nowikowski, the Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, for her award of Outstanding Citizen of the year and inviting her to attend a public recognition dinner to be held on November 10th. Mrs. Martinelli congratulated Ms. Nowikowski for her outstanding accomplishments.

Ms. Fialla thanked Krystall Kenderish for all of her work as a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee. Also, commented on Mr. Martinelli's comments made in Citizens' Comments by stating that the democratic process allows all citizens the right to join forces and speak out against or for issues. Although she recognizes that these issues have not been comfortable, she is sure that the manager has not taken them personally. Also reminded the residents that election day is November 7th and asked them to read up on candidates prior to then.

Mr. Padula reminded the residents that Trick-or-Treat/Halloween will be held on October 31, 2006 from 6 to 8 PM. Thanked Krystall Kenderish for her participation on the Recreation Board and thanked Mrs. Bradley and the department heads for putting together the 2007 proposed budget.

Mr. Greco also thanked Mrs. Bradley and the department heads for putting together the budget. He recognizes that it is a lot of hard work and a long process. On behalf of the Board and employees, extended his condolences to Mae Franc, on the loss of her husband, Andy.

(6-199) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary