

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Regular Meeting of Monday, September 12, 2005 was brought to order at 7:15 PM by President William Wilson. A quorum was present as follows:

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

Bid Opening:

The Township advertised for sale one (1) surplus 1994 Ford F-350 4x4 dump truck (VIN #1FDK38G3REA16814) equipped with a Meyers eight and one-half foot power angle snow plow and a stainless steel hopper type salt spreader in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on August 29, 2005 and September 6, 2005. Four (4) bids were received and opened as follows:

William Yarnot of 2072 McKees Rocks Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136: Presented a sealed bid and included a certified check in the amount of \$310.55, representing ten-percent of the bid price of \$3,100.55.

2. Marco Viglio of 620 Brown Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145: Presented a sealed bid and included a certified cashiers check in the amount of \$350.00, representing ten-percent of the bid price of \$3,500.00

3. William B. Henn of 3576 Ridgewood Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15235: Presented a sealed bid and included a certified cashiers check in the amount of \$280.00, representing ten-percent of the bid price of \$2,800.00.

4. Gaudino Brothers, Al Gaudino of 150 Unionville Road, Freedom, PA 15042: Presented a sealed bid and included a money order in the amount of \$367.00, representing ten-percent of the bid price of \$3,668.00.

(5-181) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Manager, awarding the sale of one (1) 1994 Ford F-350 4x4 dump truck (VIN #1FDK38G3REA16814) to Al Gaudino of Gaudino Brothers, LLC at a high bid of \$3,668.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(5-182) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of August 8, 2005 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens' Comments:

1. Mr. Thomas Worrall of 620 Brown Avenue (Free Lane) asked for an update on his request for an address change from Brown Avenue to Free Lane. According to Mr. Hill, the Solicitor was to look into whether the Township had the authority to impose address changes. Mr. McKay (Solicitor) stated that he had looked into this matter and has determined that the Township does have the authority to assign addresses in conjunction with the US Postal Service. At the request of Mr. Wilson, Mr. McKay stated that he would provide his legal written opinion to Mr. Hill no later than Friday, September 9, 2005.
2. Ms. Karen Cononie of 307 Dunbar Drive requested help with cats on her property. Mr. Wilson asked Chief Guthrie to speak with Ms. Cononie after the meeting to address her concern. Ms. Cononie also questioned whether the Township could do anything about her neighbor parking in front of her house. Mr. Wilson replied that Dunbar is a public street and the Township cannot restrict parking in front of her home.

3. Mr. Robert McGrath of 269 Penhurst Drive questioned the Township’s readiness in the event of a natural disaster such as that which occurred in New Orleans with Hurricane Katrina.

4. Mrs. McGrath of 269 Penhurst Drive commented upon the fact that the Township’s Solicitor is different at each meeting and questioned whether the Board had appointed a firm or an individual to represent them. She suggested that one attorney represent the Board most of the time. Mr. Wilson stated that the Board had appointed Mr. John Cambest and that Mr. McKay should inform Mr. Cambest that both the Board and the public are concerned about the lack of attendance by one member of the firm.

REPORTS:

Police Reports for August 2005:

Total Police Calls Logged	2004 – 245	2005 – 265
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	28	32
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	18	12
Criminal Offenses Cleared	16	15
Traffic Citations Issued	31	136
Parking Tags Issued	18	36
Parking Citations Issued	11	11
Monies collected August 2004	\$5,796.06	
Monies collected August 2005	\$13,457.18	

Mr. Vargo’s DPW Report for August 2005 is filed in the Manager’s Office

WTVFD #3 reported 17 fire calls, total man-hours 67.98, 2 training classes, man-hours 42.50 and 7 Non-incident Activities, man hours 104.66

WTVFD #4 reported 7 fire calls, total man-hours 39.50, 1 Drill – Man-hour 46
2 Public Services man-hours 6 and 1 Work Detail 7 hours. Total Man-hours 98.50

Building Permits Issued:

2 Additions and Alterations, construction costs \$13,000.00

Briaridge Apartments – Gutters & Downspouts – Cost \$4,762.00

VoCollect – Interior Alterations \$8,400.00

One Foundation Repair \$3,375.00

Total Deed Transfer Tax for August \$34,855.48.

Tax Collectors Report for August 2005:

Balance Collectable	\$226,372.74
Deductions	-231.51
Adjusted Collectable	226,141.23
Less Face Collections for Month	3,368.26
Exonerations	231.51
Balance Collectable	222,772.97
Total Refunds to date	1,515.51
Face Amount of Collections	3,368.26
Plus Penalties	334.61
Less Discounts	.44
 Total Cash Collected	 3,702.43

PA MUNICIPAL SERVICES – ACT 511

Earned Income Tax

Current Month	\$78,451.70	Previous Year	\$66,291.74	Difference
Current YTD	427,102.61	Previous YTD	415,351.53	\$11,751.08

Occupation Privilege Tax:

Current Month	3,630.10	Previous Year	3,910.07	Difference
Current YTD	46,936.45	Previous YTD	45,038.78	\$ 1,897.67

Mercantile Tax:

Current Month	131.00	Previous Year	373.95	Difference
Current YTD	921,369.71	Previous YTD	966,649.58	(\$45,279.87)

Business Privilege Tax:

Current Month	51.00	Previous Year	353.55	Difference
Current YTD	152,905.14	Previous YTD	134,204.29	\$18,700.85

Reports: Reports were read. Under Police Report, Mr. Wilson questioned the need for a sign “No Turn on Red” at the intersection of Briaridge and Brown Avenue, especially now that there is a painted turning lane. Chief Guthrie stated that he would not advise the removal but stated that if the Board wanted to limit the time on the “No Turn” sign, they could do that. He requested that Chief Guthrie prepare a recommendation for the Board on this matter. Under Public Works Report: Mr. Padula requested that the weeds around the “Welcome to Wilkins” sign on Greensburg Pike (coming up from Tri-Boro) be cut. Mr. Wilson questioned whether the Police Garage door had been repaired yet. Mr. Vargo replied that the Township had received an estimate to repair and had authorized the repair. Chief Guthrie stated that they are awaiting parts and that it will be repaired soon. Mr. Wilson thanked Mr. Vargo for cleaning up the weeds along Cline Street. Ms. Fialla thanked Mr. Vargo and Chief Guthrie for the cleanup of Dunbar following the accident there several weeks ago which resulted in broken recyclables on the street. Under Recreation Report: Mrs. Nowikowski stated that the Christmas Party will be held on December 17th and that the Recreation Board has agreed to recommend that the Board of Commissioners permit a joint tree burning with the Borough of Forest Hills. Under Engineer’s Report: Mr. McKeever indicated that the contractor (Hydo Tech) who is performing the dye testing and televising is currently behind on televising but has completed approximately 500 dye tests.

- (5-183) MOVED GRECO-PADULA to approve payment of the Schedule Bills in the amount of \$142,102.15. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-184) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vargo, awarding a contract for the repair of the storm drainage problem on Lucia Road to Creative Enterprises Corporation for a quoted price of \$9,950.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-185) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to accept the low bid of Gregori Construction for the repair of the Ivy Street Bridge at a cost of \$135,670.00, with \$69,000.00 to be funded through Community Development Block Grant funds and the remainder to be funded by the Township; further authorizing the Manager to provide written documentation to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments.
- (5-186) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to adopt Resolution #10 of 2005, authorizing the disposition of the attached list of municipal records in accordance with the Local Government Records Committee Municipal Records Manual and Wilkins Township Resolution 08-03.

Mrs. Bradley presented the 2006 Minimum Municipal Obligation to the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. The 2006 MMO for the Police Pension Plan is \$199,553.00 or an increase of \$56,128.00 from 2005. The reason for the increase is attributable to asset smoothing which resulted in the carrying forward of a portion of the losses sustained by the plan in 2001 and 2002 as well as the institution of Act 30 benefits. The 2006 MMO for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan is \$44,831.50, or an increase of \$3,716.50 from 2005.

Mrs. Bradley read correspondence to the Board of Commissioners from the Wilkins Township Planning Commission regarding their recommendation for the Dinbar Plan request for conditional use and preliminary /final site plan approval. The Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Commissioners deny the request for conditional use because the applicants failed to meet the requirements of Section 173-49 J 4 (c) of the Township's Codified Book of Ordinances, which requires a fifty foot (50') front yard setback; additionally, the applicants' failed to meet the requirements of Section 173-23 of the Code which requires a minimum driveway width of twenty-four feet (24'). Further the Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Commissioners deny Dinbar's request for preliminary/final plan approval due to the fact that the development does not comply with the requirements of a development within an R-3 Zoning District and the applicants have failed to obtain conditional use approval.

Mr. Nino Barcellino of Fenwick Drive, provided the Board members with copies of the plan depicting a fifty foot front yard setback. Mr. Barcellino stated that it was impossible to meet that requirement. He also stated that he was able to change the plan to provide for a wider driveway width. He stated that the Board approved these same plans in 1992 and was requesting consideration for approval of the same now.

(5-187) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Wilkins Township Planning Commission denying the application for conditional use submitted by Mr. Nino Barcellino and Mr. John Dinnocenzo for the plan known as Dinbar, located at the corner of Greensburg Pike and Elizabeth Street. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

(5-188) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Wilkins Township Planning Commission denying the request for preliminary/final site plan approval submitted by Mr. Nino Barcellino and Mr. John Dinnocenzo for property located at the corner of Greensburg Pike and Elizabeth Street, known as Dinbar. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Mrs. Bradley read correspondence from Mr. Vincent Nese requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider a tax abatement schedule for the proposed new home construction in the Vincentian Place plan. Mrs. Bradley presented a draft of proposed Ordinance #973. This ordinance provides a two (2) year tax abatement on the improvements (new homes) in the Vincentian Place plan of development. Mrs. Bradley requested that the Commissioners review the Ordinance and provide her with feedback. The Board will be required to hold a public hearing prior to adoption of the Ordinance.

(5-189) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to accept the recommendation of Chief Guthrie approving the request of Patricia Graf, 708 Thompson Street, for a handicapped parking space. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (5-190) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to appoint Mr. Don Cwynar of Gardenia Drive to the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Committee. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-191) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to appoint Ms. Krystall Kenderish of 100 Tynewood Drive to the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Committee. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-192) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to approve the budget request of the Recreation Advisory Committee for the annual Halloween Party in the amount of \$1,000.00 The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-193) MOVED PADULA-MARTINELLI to approve the execution of a contract with Sadecky's Puppets for the Recreation Advisory Committee Christmas Party in the amount of \$525.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (5-194) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to accept the low bid of Mon Valley Petroleum, Inc for gasoline and diesel fuel as submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on August 23, 2005. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote..

Commissioner's Comments:

Mr. Padula stated that he had received a letter from Anna Hesse, the woman who fell over the hill on Quarry Street two years ago along with a \$30.00 donation to the Fire Department. Thanked Ms. Hesse for her continued generosity.

Ms. Fialla thanked the Police Department and Public Works for their assistance on Dunbar during the accident and for planning ahead in the event that emergency services became necessary in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Mrs. Martinelli thanked Mr. & Mrs. McGrath for being good neighbors.. Congratulated VFC #3 on their successful spaghetti dinner and reminded the residents that the Democratic Committee would be holding their spaghetti dinner on September 18th.

Mr. Greco congratulated VFC #3 on their success with their spaghetti dinner – the food was very good. Also hoped for success on the 18th with the Democratic Committee spaghetti dinner.

Mr. Wilson reminded the residents that the next meeting of the Board is September 26th and stated that it is unfortunate that the proposed development for Greensburg Pike could not be approved. He would really like to see development on that property.

- (5-195) MOVED MARTINELLI-GRECO to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary

