

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

The Regular Meeting of Monday, January 4, 2016 was brought to order at 6:45 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli                      Ms. Criner  
Mr. Boyd                                Mr. Costa                      Mr. Wells

Mrs. Bradley announced there was one addition to the agenda, Old Business Agenda Item #3 will read: "Motion authorizing the Solicitor to appeal the Arbitrator's decision in the Sherman case."

(24-16) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of Monday, November 9, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 14, 2015 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

The Tri-COG Collaborative announced an opportunity for communities in the Steel Valley, Turtle Creek Valley and Twin Rivers Council of Governments to submit applications for funding for a business district analysis. Ten communities will be chosen to participate in the analysis. Applications are due by January 20, 2016. Multi-municipal business districts will also be considered.

(25-16) MOVED BOYD-CRINER authorizing the Manager to work with the Municipality of Monroeville on a joint submission for business district analysis through the Tri-COG Collaborative.

The Township received correspondence from Gary L. Graham, P.E., Project Manager for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC). The Turnpike Commission now has secured funding to pursue the completion of the Mon-Fayette PA Route 51 to I-376 Project due to PA Act 89. The project extends from the current northern terminus of the Mon-Fayette Expressway at PA Route 51 in Jefferson Hills to I-376, the Parkway East, near Thompson run Road in Monroeville. The portion of the Mon-Fayette that was proposed to extend from North Versailles into the City of Pittsburgh will not be constructed due to its significantly higher cost and limited anticipated funding. At this time, PTC will be sending Notice of Intent to Enter letters to property owners within the revised project study area, similar to what was done in 2005. Once sent, these letters will allow the project team to undertake the fieldwork on private property as permitted under Pennsylvania statute. Ultimately, there will be right-of-way impacts to some property owners. Focused public and public official outreach meeting/briefings will be held at appropriate milestones and the Turtle Creek and Dravosburg Design Advisory Team (DAT) will be restarted.

Citizens' Comments:

Paul Padula of 925 Rita Drive congratulated Mark, Michelle and Mike on their reappointment to the Board and congratulated the Manager and other appointees. Mr. Padula stated that he is proud to live in Wilkins.

REPORTS:

(26-16) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to waive the reading of the reports. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

The Engineers Report is on file in the Manager's Office

Police Report for December 2015:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	568	182
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	28	29
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	4	10
Criminal Offenses Cleared	6	6
Traffic Citations Issued	8	3
Parking Tags Issued	2	0
Parking Citations Issued	0	0
Monies collected during December	\$ 2,437.19	\$ 1,140.25

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In addition to the monthly report, Chief Krancic reported the following:

DUI-William Penn Hwy. Actor released & charges filed. Simple Assault-Quarry St. Charges filed at District Court. Burglary-Rita Drive. Juvenile Actor Charged & taken to Shuman Center. Drugs-Cline St. Actor Arrested & Released. Public Intoxication-Subway Greensburg Pike. Actor Cited & Released to Relative. 17 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 DUI, 4 Drugs, 1 Theft, 1 Simple Assault, 1 Burglary, 1 Public Intoxication, 1 Township Ordinance.

Mr. Bruener's PWD Report is on file in the Manager's Office.

Building Permits Issued for December 2015: #2923-1467 Jefferson Heights, Sunroom \$158; #2924-201 Penn Center Blvd., Interior Alterations \$390.87; Site Plan Review \$525.

Deed Transfer Tax: The Township received \$3,391.79 in deed transfer tax in the month of December, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of November. Real Estate Transfer tax was at 78.4% of budget, or roughly 22% (\$11,000) less than what was expected.

Act 511 for December 2015:

Earned Income Taxes:

				Difference
Current Month	\$76,668.25	Previous Year	\$93,253.65	
Current YTD	\$793,250.39	Previous YTD	\$858,875.66	(\$65,625.27)
		2015 Budget-\$820,000		

Local Service Tax:

				Difference
Current Month	\$0.00	Previous Year	\$22,079.09	
Current YTD	\$209,803.15	Previous YTD	\$145,107.50	\$64,695.65
		2015 Budget-\$140,000		

Mercantile Tax:

				Difference
Current Month	\$0.00	Previous Year	\$2,326.35	
Current YTD	\$310,923.10	Previous YTD	\$274,503.26	\$36,419.84
		2015 Budget - \$275,000		

Business Privilege Tax:

				Difference
Current Month	\$0.00	Previous Year	\$4,592.09	
Current YTD	\$375,299.71	Previous YTD	\$234,256.66	\$141,043.05
		2015 Budget - \$230,000		

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

(27-16) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$225,658.23. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business:

(28-16) MOVED COSTA-CRINER accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission authorizing the Manager to advertise for a public hearing to hear public comments on a proposed ordinance which would amend the Gas and Oil Well provisions of the zoning code, pending the Solicitor's review and comment on the following changes from the Board of Commissioners: Page 3, definition of "Protected Structure" to include subsurface facilities and disposal wells; page 5, subparagraph (1)f, amend the following sentence: All Protected Structures within 1500 feet of the property lines of the well site or

subsurface facility shall be identified.” Further authorizing the Manager to advertise for adoption of the proposed ordinance.

(29-16) MOVED COSTA-CRINER authorizing the Manager to advertise for adoption of a proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Codified Book of Ordinances to add regulations for seismic testing in conjunction with Gas and Oil Well Drilling.

(30-16) MOVED COSTA-BOYD authorizing the Solicitor to appeal the Arbitrator’s decision in the Sherman case.

Motions 28-16 to 30-16 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

(31-16) MOVED CRINER-BOYD accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission authorizing the Manager to advertise for public hearing and adoption of an ordinance proposed to change the zoning of Lot/Block 542-C-250 from R-3 to C-1.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1-2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING SCHNEIDER DOWNS AS AUDITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP**

(32-16) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to adopt Resolution #1-2016. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, NAMING APRIL 23, 2016 AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY IN WILKINS TOWNSHIP**

(33-16) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to adopt Resolution #2-2016. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 3-2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE JOINDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUNICIPAL BENEFIT SERVICES AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

(34-16) MOVED COSTA-WELLS to adopt Resolution #3-2016. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(35-16) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to ratifying the action of the Manager in selecting insurance coverage from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 as follows:

<u>Workers’ Compensation Coverage – State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF)</u>		
Township Employees	\$ 213,433.00	
Heart & Lung Coverage	\$ 0.00	
Volunteer Fire Fighters	\$ 26,845.00	
		\$240,278.00
<u>Package Policies – DARWIN</u>		
Police Professional	\$ 9,612.00	
Public Officials Liability	\$ 9,493.00	
		\$ 19,105.00
<u>Package Policies - SELECTIVE</u>		
Property & Inland Marine	\$ 6,187.00	
General Liability	\$ 9,542.00	
Pesticide / Herbicide	\$ 303.00	
Automobile – Township	\$ 13,359.00	
Umbrella Policy	\$ 9,504.00	
		\$ 38,895.00
<u>Automobile – Vehicle Firemen’s Insurance Services (VFIS)</u>		

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Automobile – Fire Fighters (11/01/15 – 11/01/16)	\$ 13,597.00
<b>Total Insurance:</b>	<b><u>\$311,875.00</u></b>

(36-16) MOVED CRINER-BOYD approving the request of the Manager to “attend” the Penn State Land Use Webinar Series – Winter/Spring 2016 at a cost of \$40.00 (4 one-hour webinars).

Motions 35-16 to 36-16 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Mr. Boyd stated that he is completely opposed to the proposed Mon-Fayette extension. There is absolutely no benefit to Wilkins residents. It will increase traffic on Route 22 and I-376, the residents will lose access to Thompson Run Road, some residents will lose their homes, both noise and air pollution will increase. The Board met with members of the Turnpike Commission over the summer and there were overtures to mitigating some of these factors, but really they cannot be mitigated. Mr. Boyd urged the residents to contact their state legislators and express their concerns about this project.

Mrs. Martinelli introduced the Solicitor for this evening, Mr. Paul Dachille of the Allegheny County Law Department and announced that the Recreation Advisory Board would meet on Tuesday beginning at 7:00 PM to discuss alternative recreation programs in the wake of the sale of Penn Center and the demise of the Summer Festival.

Mr. Wells requested that Mrs. Bradley send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Board to Magistrate Stephens for coming out and swearing in the newly elected officials tonight.

(37-16) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary