

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Monday, July 13, 2015 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-President Joseph D. Costa. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(136-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 8, 2015. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Communications:

Mr. Bill McCartney, President of Dormont Borough Council submitted correspondence to the Board of Commissioners thanking them for agreeing to permit Rebecca Bradley to help them out between managers and offering to assist the Township in the future if possible.

Mr. John Gotaskie, Jr., Esquire, submitted an email to the Board of Commissioners expressing his disapproval of the new proposed Mon Fayette Expressway project and urging them to do the same.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Dorothy Musial of 313 Frazier Drive questioned whether or not the new recycling containers that the Township will be distributing to residents will have a recycling sticker on them, or whether the residents will have to place one on the bins; commented that there are a number of vehicles on Frazier Drive that are parking in the grassy area in the front of their homes and questioned when the Township would require VFC #4 to remove vehicles with expired plates and tags from their parking lot.

REPORTS:

(137-15) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to waive the reading of the reports. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

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

Police Report for June 2015:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	238	255
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	34	28
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	11	9
Criminal Offenses Cleared	9	8
Traffic Citations Issued	13	12
Parking Tags Issued	8	8
Parking Citations Issued	0	0
Monies collected during May	\$ 2,463.31	\$ 3,635.61

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

Bad Checks – HHGregg. Actor arrested & charged. False Reports – Lucia. Actor arrested & charged. Attempted Burglary – Quarry Street. Actor arrested & charged. Retail Theft – Home Depot. Actors arrested & charged. Township Ordinance – Sheetz. Actor cited & released. 3 MVA, 3 Retail Theft, 1 Bad Checks, 1 Attempted Burglary, 1 False Reports, 1 Criminal Mischief, 3 Township Ordinance, 1 Drugs & 1 Disorderly Conduct.

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

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Fire Companies:

WTVFD #4 reported the following for June 2015: 13 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 46.5; 1 Drill, Man-Hours 10; 3 Meetings, Man-Hours 19.5; 12 Work Details, Man-Hours 270; Total Man-Hours 346.

Building Permits Issued for June 2015:

#2895 – 103 Farnsworth, Deck \$79; #2896 – 126 Sunset, Deck \$79; #2896 Ammended to add roof to deck \$79; #2897 – Bldg. 5-7th Floor, Interior Alterations \$1840.25, Site Plan \$1560; #2898 – Bldg. 5-9th & 10th Floors, Interior Alterations \$4631.75, Site Plan \$2670; #2899 – 217 Wallace, Deck \$79; #2900 – 210 Kingston, Pool Deck \$79; #2901 – Bldg 7, Interior Alterations \$1272.87; #2902 – 3607 Ridgewood, Porch Roof \$79.

Deed Transfer Tax:

The Township received \$3,135.66 in deed transfer tax in the month of June, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of May. As of the end of June, Real Estate Transfer tax was at 36.44% of budget.

George Porado's Tax Collector's Report for June 2015:

Balance Collectable – beginning of the month	\$249,932.55
Assessments	\$0.00
Additions	\$0.00
Exonerations – Total Adjustments	\$0.00
Net Adjustments	\$0.00
Net Collectable	\$249,932.55
Face Collections	\$-119,154.03
Balance Collectable – End of the month	\$130,778.52
Face Exonerations	\$0.00
Actual Face Due Balance	\$130,778.52
Face amount of collections	\$119,154.03
Plus Penalties	\$0.00
Less Discounts	\$0.00
Other (under/over)	\$-60.70
Total Cash Collected	\$119,214.73
Less Face Exonerations	\$0.00
Less Overpayment Refunds	\$-60.00
Net Collections	\$119,154.73
Exoneration Refund Amount	\$34.48
Refunded Overpayments	\$60.00

Act 511 for June 2015:

<u>Earned Income Taxes:</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$85,487.79	Previous Year	\$94,989.03	
Current YTD	\$411,188.72	Previous YTD	\$443,422.79	(\$32,234.07)
				2015 Budget-\$820,000

<u>Local Service Tax:</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$60,007.51	Previous Year	\$25,868.38	
Current YTD	\$125,220.20	Previous YTD	\$73,282.85	\$51,937.35
				2015 Budget-\$140,000

<u>Mercantile Tax:</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$27,363.69	Previous Year	\$53,636.50	
Current YTD	\$289,841.19	Previous YTD	\$269,541.03	\$20,300.16
2015 Budget - \$275,000				

<u>Business Privilege Tax:</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$64,070.55	Previous Year	\$50,958.16	
Current YTD	\$282,989.64	Previous YTD	\$214,179.59	\$68,810.05
2015 Budget - \$230,000				

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

(138-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$305,362.35. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ACKNOWLEDGING AND AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN A JOINT DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE EAST HILLS DUI TASK FORCE AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

(139-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to adopt Resolution #8-2015. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING A GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY

(140-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to adopt Resolution #9-2015. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

(141-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent to accept the SHACOG bid for rock salt submitted by Cargill, Inc. for the 2015-2016 winter season in the amount of \$69.29 per ton; authorizing the submittal of correspondence indicating the Township's acceptance and execution of a contract contingent upon the review and approval of the Solicitor.

(142-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the Engineer to draw up specifications and bid documents and to advertise for bids for the replacement of all of the exterior doors on the Municipal Building, authorizing the replacement of the front vestibule doors with two doors centered on the concrete; authorizing the replacement of the exterior doors at the back of the Commissioners Room with clear tempered glass windows instead of doors or paneling and authorizing the replacement of the exterior doors at the front of the Commissioners Room with double doors.

(143-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to make the final disbursement to W. A. Petrakis for the demolition of 160 Dorothy Street in the amount of \$10,400.00.

(144-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to accept the low bid from Derry Paving in the amount of \$104,752.50 for the 2015 Paving Program (Briaridge).

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(145-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to authorize Pay Estimate #1 for the Dowling Avenue Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$174,341.82.

(146-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to authorize the additional disbursement of \$4,945 to fund the gap between the CDBG Year 40 fund allocation of \$8,755 and the cost of demolishing 255 Harrison Road and 687 Negley Avenue (\$13,700) with funds to be drawn from 438.210.

(147-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to accept the award of Year 41 CDBG Funds in the amount of \$8,755 for the demolition of 608 Stewart Street, 4062 Miller Street and 687 Larimer Avenue.

(148-15) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to approve the request of Cindy Rizza on behalf of the residents of the 100 block of Dunbar Drive, to hold a block party on September 6, 2015 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM and requesting barricades to block both intersections with Delaney Drive.

(149-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to authorize the donation of \$200 to the Allegheny County Sheriff's Reserve Unit for their participation in providing security for the Summer Festival.

(150-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to accept the request of the Monroeville Arts Council to borrow the art screens from August 12th through August 17th.

(151-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize two Commissioners to attend the 43rd Annual Joint Fall Conference of the Allegheny County & Western Pa Association of Township Commissioners to be held from September 24th-27th at Seven Springs Resort.

(152-15) MOVED WELLS-CRINER to authorize the Manager to send a letter of thanks and a \$50 gift certificate to Joy Voeltzel for work on the Summer Festival 2015.

(153-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to authorize the Manager to submit correspondence to WHEMS expressing the Commissioners' disappointment that they did not provide an ambulance for the 5K race held in June.

(154-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the Manager to submit correspondence to the Turnpike Commission expressing the Township Commissioners' disapproval of the current plan for the Mon-Fayette Expressway Project.

(155-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the Manager to submit a letter to the Department of Transportation District #11 expressing the Commissioners' concern with the amount of stone left in the berm of the road after the tar and chip application on Larimer and Lower Rodi, expressing disappointment at the amount of weeds that have been permitted to grow in the State right of way on Larimer and about the surface of the roadway when exiting Route 22 eastbound at Lower Rodi.

Motions 141-15 to 155-15 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Engineers' Report – Highland Avenue and Wilbur Street:

Mr. Arnold advised the Board that he and Ed Bruener visited Highland Avenue on Friday (July 10th) and at that time evidence of continued sliding of the road surface was visible. He is continuing to put together a narrative of events to turn over to Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Rushford so that they can take the appropriate next steps. Mr. Arnold also advised that a section of the retaining wall holding Wilbur Street up is failing. A structural engineer met with Mr. Bruener, Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Arnold on Friday and discussed options for repairing the retaining wall. The current plan is to demolish the existing wall and replace it with a new footer and gabion basket wall. Mr. Arnold will work to secure the necessary emergency permit from DEP and has placed a utility one-call with Pa One Call for utility location. He expects that the work will commence within the next several weeks and anticipates that it will take about a week or two to completion.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Boyd stated that bicyclists utilizing Thompson Run Road and Larimer Avenue are forced to drive in the lane of traffic because of the amount of stone that is on the berm due to the recent tar and chip application by PennDot. He requested that a letter be sent to District 11 concerning this. Mr. Boyd also

commented on the Turnpike Commissions' recent announcement that funding for the Mon Fayette Expressway has been secured and that the project will proceed without the connection to the City of Pittsburgh. He stated that there is no benefit to the residents of Wilkins Township in allowing this project to move forward. Pollution and noise will increase as well as additional congestion on Route 22 and the Parkway East. PennDot is working on plans to relieve congestion on the Parkway East and the Turnpike Commissions' plan is directly counter to this. He proposed utilizing funding for the Mon Fayette for additional public transit developments, like extending the East Busway and requested that a letter be sent to the Turnpike Commission addressing this.

Ms. Criner stated that she is displeased with the recent tar and chip application on Lower Rodi Road. When exiting Route 22 (east bound) at Lower Rodi, the experience is similar to traveling over rumble strips. The catchbasins along Larimer Avenue are precariously lower than the road surface causing vehicles that travel within the right of way to dip severely upon traveling over them and the weeds along Larimer Avenue are overtaking the pedestrian right of way and beginning to grow within the cartway. Ms. Criner requested that a letter be sent to District #11 advising them of her concerns. Ms. Criner also commented on the Summer Festival stating that it was a nice event with no problems, other than a rainy Saturday night. She also stated that Monroeville needs to fix the bridge that used to connect traffic from Penn Hills to Monroeville. If that were done, the traffic congestion in Eastmont would be alleviated. Finally, she requested that Mr. Bruener and Chief Krancic download the data from the speed sign to show the previous month's activity and the current month's activity now that the speed humps are in place.

Mr. Wells questioned what happened with the street sweeper that the Public Works Department rented and thanked everyone for helping out with the Summer Festival.

(156-15) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary