

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012

The Regular Meeting of Monday, October 8, 2012 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(242-12) MOVED COSTA-WILSON to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 24, 2012 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mr. Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive, submitted correspondence advising the Township that the County will be revising its stormwater management plan and to invite Township Officials to attend a meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Monroeville.

The Wilkins Township Recreational Advisory Board submitted correspondence informing the Board that the inaugural farmers' market held on Wednesday, June 20th was a huge success and to ask permission to hold the 2013 Farmers' Market from Wednesday, June 12th to Wednesday, October 23rd.

(243-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to grant permission to the Recreational Advisory Board and Farmers' Market Committee to hold their annual Farmers' Market from Wednesday June 12, 2013 through Wednesday October 23, 2013. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens' Comments:

Ms. Chardae Seligsohn of 106 Hart Drive stated that it is recorded in the August 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes that she requested a 6' fence around her home, but she only requested a 4' fence. Ms. Seligsohn also requests a reimbursement of the Variance Application Fee, at the recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Board due to unnecessary application.

Mr. Bob Wingrove of 338 Braddesley stated his concern over the rising deer population and asked if the Township could check into the possibility of thinning the deer herd.

Ms. Cheryl Stanton of 103 Peffer Road listed her concerns over Walmart moving into the area. Ms. Stanton mentioned that traffic would be a nightmare, the crime rate would rise, Community Days would cease causing a loss of \$1000 a year for the Woman's Club, and home values would decrease.

Ms. Beth Humberston of 118 Frazier Drive was under the impression that Walmart Representatives would be at the meeting. Ms. Humberston is opposed to Walmart moving into the area stating that it would cause a higher traffic flow, would ruin Shop-N-Save and asked if any of the current owners of establishments in Penn Center have been contacted for input. Walmart will not attract new homeowners.

Ms. Thelma Landay of 1444 Laurel Drive is opposed to Walmart coming into the area saying that crime would increase, it would ruin the community and voiced her concern of enough parking for existing businesses and for the traffic and congestion that the residents of Laurel Village and Brentmoore Apartments will have to deal with.

Ms. Debbie Friedman of 1481 Laurel Drive is vehemently opposed to Walmart coming to the Sears location. Ms. Friedman is concerned about the increase in traffic, noise and light pollution, decrease in property value, and having to hire additional police. Ms. Friedman questioned to whom petitions could be sent.

Mr. Charles Ranii of 1437 Jefferson Heights Road stated that he is opposed to Walmart coming into the area because it would cause a traffic gridlock and decrease property values.

Ms. Jan McMahon of 256 Kingston Drive would like to go on record as being vehemently opposed to Walmart coming to Penn Center because the crime rate and traffic would increase.

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Mr. Mark Dappolonia of 438 Dunbar Drive stated that he is opposed to the Walmart coming into the area; questioned the benefit to Wilkins and asked if Wilkins is able to stop it from happening.

Mr. N. Leonard Hill of 405 Kingston Drive advised the Board that due to a lack of space and a public restroom, representatives of VFC #4 spoke with the Bureau of Elections asking that they move the polling location from VFC #4 to the Bricklayers Union Building. Mr. Hill also stated that the Halloween Parade has been cancelled due to a lack of available volunteers at 5:00 pm to handle the intersections.

Ms. Monica Ranii of 1437 Jefferson Heights Road is opposed to Walmart coming to Penn Center. She fears there will be an increase in crime and a decrease in property value.

Ms. Gloria McNavish of 125 Queeston Drive is opposed to Walmart coming into the area and stated that if Walmart does locate there, the Township will need to hire more Police Officers.

Mr. Shawn Calloway of 17 Thorncrest Drive is opposed to Walmart coming to the area and questioned what the zoning requirements are and what, if anything, the Township can do if Walmart meets all the legal requirements.

(244-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to send VFC #4 a letter thanking them for the many years of providing a Halloween Parade for the residents of Eastmont. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

REPORTS:

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

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

Police Report for September 2012:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	263	228
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	31	40
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	13	26
Criminal Offenses Cleared	11	18
Traffic Citations Issued	27	4
Parking Tags Issued	15	9
Monies collected during September	\$3,631.88	\$2,386.45

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

Fire Companies:

WTVFD #1 reported the following for September 2012: 11 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 61.50; 3 Practices, Man-Hours 78.5; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 36; Total Man-Hours 176.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for September 2012: 14 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 36.17; 1 Training Session, Man-Hours 4.5; 6 Activities, Man-Hours 294.75; Total Man-Hours 335.42.

WTVFD #4 reported the following for September 2012: 7 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 59.5; 1 Fire School, Man-Hours 4; 1 Drill, Man-Hours 4; 3 Meetings, Man-Hours 50.5; Total Man-Hours 118.

Building Permits Issued for September: #2762-3386 Wm. Penn Hwy., New Restaurant \$1704.75; Site Plan Review \$525; #2770-1470 Laurel Dr., Res. Addition \$81.20; #2771-343 Sunset Dr., In-ground Pool \$79; #2773-700 Beulah Rd., Int. Alt. \$273; Site Plan Review \$525; #2774-121 Sunset Dr., Resid. Stairs \$53.

Deed Transfer Tax: The Township received \$2,884.14 in deed transfer tax in the month of September, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of August.

George Porado’s Tax Collector’s Report for September:

Balance Collectable – beginning of the month	\$107,378.44
Additions	\$117.98
Exonerations – Total Adjustments	\$-251.94
Net Collectable	\$107,244.48
Face Collections	\$-2,268.30
Balance Collectable – End of the month	\$104,976.18
Face amount of collections	\$2,268.30
Plus Penalties	\$213.73
Less Discounts	\$-2.61
Total Cash Collected	\$2,479.42

Act 511 for September 2012:

<u>Earned Income Taxes:</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$92,251.97	Previous Year	\$33,719.44	
Current YTD	\$622,311.24	Previous YTD	\$507,258.03	\$115,053.21
2012 Budget-\$459,000				

<u>Local Service Tax:</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$22,092.70	Previous Year	\$ 25,172.14	
Current YTD	\$104,059.88	Previous YTD	\$112,764.29	(\$8,704.41)
2012 Budget-\$145,000				

<u>Business Tax (Mercantile & Business Privilege):</u>				Difference
Current Month	\$3,292.32	Previous Year	\$55,388.90	
Current YTD	\$575,353.63	Previous YTD	\$581,081.08	(\$5,727.45)
2012 Budget-\$590,000				

(245-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to waive the reading of reports. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(246-12) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$348,515.22. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO.: 20A-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLVING THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS FORMALLY REQUESTS A GRANT FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”) AND DESIGNATING SYLVIA J. MARTINELLI AS THE OFFICIAL TO FILE ALL APPLICATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND FORMS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS AND THE RAAC.

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLVING THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS FORMALLY REQUESTS A GRANT FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”) AND DESIGNATING SYLVIA J. MARTINELLI AS THE OFFICIAL TO FILE ALL APPLICATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND FORMS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS AND THE RAAC.

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(247-12) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to adopt Resolution #20A-2012 and Resolution #21-2012. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(248-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA authorizing submission of correspondence to Senator Costa in support of amendments to the Uniform Construction Code providing for the joint administration and creation of a joint appeal board.

(249-12) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to submit proposed Ordinance No. 1029, MS4 Stormwater Management Ordinance, to Allegheny County for review; to advertise and schedule a public hearing for public comment on the Ordinance and to subsequently advertise the ordinance for public adoption.

Motions 248-12 to 249-12 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Costa stated that it is a shame that the VFC #4 Halloween Parade had to be cancelled after so many years of providing this event to the residents of Eastmont.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Administrative Office for putting together the 2013 budget.

Mr. Boyd thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and stated that it is nice to have an audience and not just empty chairs.

Mrs. Martinelli reminded everyone that Zumba starts next Monday, October 15th at 7:00 PM, in the Community Center.

(250-12) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary