

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of Monday, September 14, 2015 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(182-15) MOVED COSTA-WELLS to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, August 31, 2015. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Arletta Scott Williams, Executive Director of ALCOSAN, provided a draft copy of ALCOSAN's Source Control Study, "Starting at the Source: How Our Region Can Work Together for Clean Water." The study shows that ALCOSAN and its partner municipalities can use green and other "remove it" strategies to remove groundwater and stormwater from sewer lines at the source which can save the region \$100 million, create jobs and make the communities greener. ALCOSAN is interested in receiving comments on the draft study from elected officials by November 1, 2015.

An email was submitted by Christina Cowan, a resident of Penhurst Drive, Wilkins Township, urging the Commissioners not to permit fracking in the residential area of Churchill/Wilkins Township/Blackridge in the east suburbs of Pittsburgh.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Christos Faloustsos of 260 Penhurst Drive stated his opposition to fracking in the residential area of Wilkins Township. He stated that fracking will cause a decrease in property values. He also discussed studies on increases in earthquakes since fracking began and expressed concern for how fracking would affect underground mines in the area and whether or not it could cause subsidence.

Mrs. Christina Cowan of 260 Penhurst Drive also spoke in opposition to fracking and questioned what would happen if one of the lines that was drilled horizontally from the Churchill Country Club to the Edgewood Country Club was to fail and/or need repaired.

Mr. Gary Fedder of 110 George Street expressed his opposition to fracking in residential neighborhoods. He questioned who would be responsible for repairing infrastructure damaged by the heavy trucks necessary to deliver and remove frack materials.

Mr. Joe Weigler of 305 Heritage Drive stated that he also is against fracking and asked for an explanation of the process.

Ms. Karla Owens of 344B Churchill Court questioned whether or not any Wilkins Township residents had been approached about leasing their land for horizontal drilling and also questioned whether the Township's current zoning ordinance is strong enough.

REPORTS:

(183-15) MOVED CRINER-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 August 2015:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Police Calls Logged	258	246
Total Criminal Offenses Reported	35	28
Criminal Arrests/Persons Charged	6	13
Criminal Offenses Cleared	3	13
Traffic Citations Issued	8	5
Parking Tags Issued	2	4
Parking Citations Issued	0	0

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Monies collected during July \$ 1,798.24 \$ 2,232.86

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

Twp. Ordinance – Eastmont Park. Actors cited & released. Simple Assault – Sunset Drive. Charges Filed. Retail Theft & Disorderly Conduct – Kuhn’s. Actor Charged. Drugs – Home Depot. Actor arrested & charged. Fleeing and Eluding – William Penn Highway. Juvenile Actor arrested & charged. 8 MVA, 1 Simple Assault, 2 Twp. Ordinance-Unlawful Acts, 1 Retail Theft, 1 Drug Violation, 1 Fleeing & eluding.

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

Fire Companies:

WTVFD #1 reported the following for August 2015: 12 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 40.5; 3 Practices, Man-Hours 45; 1 Special, Man-Hours 12; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 27; 1 Misc., Man-Hours 3.5; Total Man-Hours 128.

WTVFD #3 reported the following for August 2015: 15 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 30.46; 6 Trainings, Man-Hours 82.08; 2 Activities, Man-Hours 8; Total Man-Hours 120.54.

WTVFD #4 reported the following for August 2015: 9 Fire Calls, Man-Hours 20; 2 Drills, Man-Hours 24.25; 6 Work Details, Man-Hours 34.75; 1 Driver’s Training, Man-Hours 9.75; 1 Meeting, Man-Hours 6; Total Man-Hours 94.75.

Building Permits Issued for August 2015:

#2906 – Void; #2907 – 3350 Wm Penn, Re-Roof \$4,901.35; #2909 – 703 Thompson, Demo \$97.30; #2910 – Not Yet Finalized, #2911 – 133 Tynewood; Pool \$79.

Deed Transfer Tax:

The Township received \$4,060.60 in deed transfer tax in the month of August, representing transfer tax collected by Allegheny County in the month of July. As of the end of August, Real Estate Transfer tax was at 51.33% of budget.

George Porado’s Tax Collector’s Report for August 2015:

Balance Collectable – beginning of the month	\$127,408.73
Assessments	\$0.00
Additions	\$0.00
Exonerations – Total Adjustments	\$0.00
Net Adjustments	\$0.00
Net Collectable	\$127,408.73
Face Collections	\$-11,115.37
Balance Collectable – End of the month	\$116,293.36
Face Exonerations	\$0.00
Actual Face Due Balance	\$116,293.36
Face amount of collections	\$11,115.37
Plus Penalties	\$1,111.51
Less Discounts	\$0.00
Other (under/over)	\$0.00
Total Cash Collected	\$12,226.88
Less Face Exonerations	\$0.00
Less Overpayment Refunds	\$0.00
Net Collections	\$12,226.88
Exoneration Refund Amount	\$0.00
Refunded Overpayments	\$0.00

Act 511 for August 2015:

<u>Earned Income Taxes:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$70,932.30	Previous Year	\$78,512.95
Current YTD	\$522,746.37	Previous YTD	\$561,033.51
			(\$38,287.14)
2015 Budget-\$820,000			

<u>Local Service Tax:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$7,440.72	Previous Year	\$10,387.18
Current YTD	\$135,315.34	Previous YTD	\$84,019.74
			\$51,295.60
2015 Budget-\$140,000			

<u>Mercantile Tax:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$9,544.95	Previous Year	\$0.00
Current YTD	\$302,370.39	Previous YTD	\$270,515.70
			\$31,854.69
2015 Budget - \$275,000			

<u>Business Privilege Tax:</u>			Difference
Current Month	\$46,228.26	Previous Year	\$1,621.82
Current YTD	\$333,681.47	Previous YTD	\$221,971.04
			\$111,710.43
2015 Budget - \$230,000			

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

(184-15) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to approve the payment of the schedule of bills in the amount of \$161,593.09. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1055

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 173, ZONING, ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF BUSINESS, MEDICAL OFFICES AND METHADONE CLINIC

(185-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to read Ordinance Number 1055 for the first time by title only.

(186-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to accept the first reading of Ordinance Number 1055.

(187-15) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to read Ordinance Number 1055 for the second time by title only.

(188-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to adopt Ordinance 1055.

Motions 185-15 to 188-15 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(189-15) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to approve the request from Senator Costa to use the Community Center on October 7, 2015 from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM for a Fire Department forum with Commissioner Solobay.

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(190-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to approve the request of Girl Scout Troop 54284 to use the Community Center every other Wednesday from September through June for Girl Scout meetings.

(191-15) MOVED WELLS-BOYD to approve the request of Girl Scout Troup 53612 to use the Community Center the first and third Thursday of each month for Girl Scout meetings.

(192-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to approve the request of the Manager to attend the APMM/PELRAS Fall Managers' meeting to be held on October 9, 2015 at Highland Golf Course in Cranberry at a cost of \$120.

(193-15) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to approve Mr. Hill's request to attend ICC Commonwealth Building Officials training at Hidden Valley Resort on Thursday, October 15th at a cost of \$150.00.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mrs. Martinelli stated that the Wilkins Township Police Department recently teamed up with NIXLE, a community information service, in an effort to get emergency and/or important information out to the public immediately. Email and/or text message alerts will be published through NIXLE from our police department to advise the public of any emergency situation, street closure, crime alert, etc. to receive these email and/or text alerts, simply sign up on the Township's website homepage (left hand column). To learn more about NIXLE, please visit www.NIXLE.com and select "Residents" and "Learn More."

Mr. Boyd thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns about horizontal drilling and fracking in residential neighborhoods. The Commissioners will work with the residents to resolve this issue.

(194-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary