

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, April 26, 2010 was brought to order at 7:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli		Ms. Fialla
Mr. Padula	Mr. Costa	Mr. Szoko

(127-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2010 with the following corrections: Motion 110-10 – Add: “The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote”. Commissioner Fialla comments – Add: “and her concerns about liability by surcharge of the Board of Commissioners” after sick leave in the second to last line, Commissioner Szoko comments – Add “political” before “candidates” in the second line and Add “which would make it cost prohibitive” after police department in the second to last line; and change “officer” to “office” under Commissioner Costa’s comments. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Presentation of Climate Action Plan

The Township of Wilkins, along with the Borough of Forest Hills and the Municipality of Penn Hills received grant funds to hire Duquesne University Center for Environmental Research and Education (CERE) staff and students to perform a greenhouse gas emissions study and prepare a Climate Action Plan (CAP). Dr. Stanley Kabala, Rebecca Day and Jacob Levine presented their findings thus far to the Board.

Greenhouse gas emissions include carbon monoxide, methane and Freon (CFC’s). The aim of the greenhouse gas inventory is to quantify these gasses and then provide a plan to the municipalities on how to reduce that release, which will also result, generally speaking, in a reduction in expenditures.

The graduate students took raw data from the Township, such as utility bill information and gasoline invoices and used a computer program called “Clean Air Climate Protection” to calculate the total amount of emissions. The computer program converts all gasses to carbon monoxide emissions. The preliminary findings for Wilkins Township indicate that the municipality emitted 1,178 tons of carbon monoxide in 2008. Of that amount, 68% (or 794 tons) was emitted through the use of street lights, 16% (190 tons) through the use of vehicles, 12% (146 tons) through the operation of buildings and 4% (48 tons) through the operation of traffic signals. Additional calculations regarding employee commutes and Freon usage are ongoing. The CERE students are also working on a commercial and residential component.

Once the additional information is gathered, the CERE students will provide recommendations to reduce the municipal footprint. These recommendations will take into consideration economic and financial conditions, feasibility based upon political will and the changes which will result in the greatest decrease in emissions.

Correspondence:

Mr. Theora “Ted” Jones of 1006 Gilchrest Drive submitted correspondence requesting appointment to the Wilkins Township Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Thomas Cenna who recently moved out of Wilkins Township.

(128-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to appoint Mr. Jones of 1006 Gilchrest Drive to the Wilkins Township Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Thomas Cenna through December 31, 2013. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens’ Comments: - None

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2009, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO 2-2010 TO ADD A FEE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS.

- (129-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to read Resolution #9-2010 by title only. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (130-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to table Resolution #9-2010 for further review by the Community Center Committee with regard to the exemption status of political parties and candidates. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (131-10) MOVED COSTA-MARTINELLI to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to approve an agreement between the Township and PGH Vibes for the provision of disc jockey services at the Summer Festival at a cost of \$550, contingent upon a 50% refund “rain clause” being added to the agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING REBECCA BRADLEY, MANAGER, TO EXECUTE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF WILKINS TOWNSHIP ALL REQUIRED FORMS AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT.

- (132-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Resolution No. 8-2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (133-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the Manager and Engineer to develop projects for submission to Allegheny County CDBG Year 37 for the following: Lions Park Development – Phase I, Eastmont/Linhart ball field rehabilitation, construction of a pavilion behind the Community Center and demolition of five vacant structures. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (134-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of Senate Engineering to pay Thomas Contracting Company \$9,150 for the satisfactory completion of the stormwater culvert repair on George Street. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (135-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of Senate Engineering to pay KU Resources \$7,900 for the satisfactory completion of core boring on Wilbur Avenue. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (136-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of Senate Engineering, after consultation with the Solicitor and Manager, to accept the low bid of State Pipe for the cleaning and televising of inaccessible sanitary lines in Wilkins Township at a low-bid of \$10,259.20. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (137-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to accept the fee agreement letter between Wilkins Township and Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, P.C. and authorizing the appropriate officials to execute the agreement. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Padula “ABSTAINING”

- (138-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bruener to award the low-bid for asphalt through the SHACOG to Lindy Paving, based upon a calculation which includes labor, mileage and fuel costs. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (139-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Manager to not submit an updated application for inclusion in the 2010 COPS Hiring grant program. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (140-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to deny the request of the Recreation Advisory Committee to hold a parade on June 26, 2010, beginning at John Mocks and proceeding up Route 22 to Penn Center, beginning at 6:00 PM. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mrs. Martinelli voting “NO”.
- (141-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to accept the agreements with Saddle-Up Band (\$1,500) and Girlz in Black Hats (\$1,200) for performances at the 2010 Summer Festival. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.
- (142-10) MOVED SZOKO-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Manager to purchase a refurbished Kyocera Mita KM 4035 Copier from Copier Corporation of America at a cost of \$2,750, with \$1,000 to be drawn from the Manager’s “Minor Equipment” Budget and \$1,750 to be drawn from the Commissioner’s “Education and Training” Budget. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioner Fialla commented on the bands for the Summer Festival; thanked Mr. Bruener for the information relative to the asphalt bid; commented upon the ANNIE musical performed by students at Woodland Hills and commented that the Board met in executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Commissioner Costa congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment to the Planning Commission and briefly commented on the Turtle Creek COG Act 32 proposal.

Commissioner Szoko thanked Mr. Antonelli for attending the meeting; provided information regarding the last Act 32 meeting and commented upon the need to have assurance regarding the financial stability of communities with whom the Township may partner for police services.

Commissioner Padula reminded residents to send in their Census forms; thanked the volunteers who participated in the community clean-up on Saturday; congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment; and commented on the need to provide entertainment at the Summer Festival to draw participants to finance non-profit groups within the community.

Commissioner Martinelli thanked Chief Krancic, Officer Lehew, Officer Schlanger, Mr. Bruener, Mr. McClelland, Mrs. Bradley, the members of the Recreation Advisory Board, the women of the Century Club and the Senior Citizens Group for their participation in and support of the Third Annual Clean-up Wilkins Day and requested a report from the Solicitor relative to the use of part time police officers.

- (143-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley, Secretary

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