

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, February 28, 2011 was brought to order by President Sylvia J. Martinelli at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present as follows:

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

(58-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2011. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla abstaining

(59-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of February 14, 2011. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla abstaining.

Citizens' Comments:

Michael Boyd of 105 George Street thanked the Public Works Department for their excellent job in keeping the roads clear of ice and snow; commented upon an article appearing in the New York Times on Sunday, February 27th regarding Marcellus Shale and commented upon the opportunity to seek grant dollars for bicycle-friendly communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 6136-11 AND URGING THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ENACT A STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX REASSESSMENT MORATORIUM WITH ALL DUE SPEED AND, IN THE PROCESS, TO SAFEGUARD THE ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH BY PROVIDING THE PREDICTABILITY AND EQUITY THAT EXIST WITH REGARD TO PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN EVERY OTHER STATE.

(60-11) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to adopt Resolution #3-2011. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(61-11) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 1014. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(62-11) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to appoint Jan McMahon of 256 Kingston Drive to the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(63-11) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to authorize the Wilkins Township Democratic Committee to use the Community Center on Thursday, March 10, 2011 to hold a meeting for the membership. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(64-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to approve the request of the Century Club to use two men and a truck from the Public Works Department to aid with Clean-Up Wilkins to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(65-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the request of the Wilkins Township Democratic Committee to use the Community Center on October 9, 2011 to host their annual spaghetti dinner. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Wilson made a request for a donation for the Wilkins Township Memorial Day Services. Mr. Szoko requested a few weeks to determine whether or not the Rotary would be able to provide funding instead of the Township.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Fialla announced that she is not seeking re-election because she believes in term limits which allow others to step up. She stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve and she hopes to continue to have a positive impact throughout the rest of her tenure. She stated that her service as an elected official for the Township has changed her worldview and encouraged everyone to get involved.

Commissioner Padula thanked the Public Works employees for keeping the roads clear; thanked the manager and the Commissioners for providing the funding to allow our roads to stay clear; stated that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Thursday, March 31st beginning at 6:00 PM; reminded residents that fish fries will begin at VFC #3 on March 11th; and thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Szoko questioned the motion on the Spring Clean-up; and commented upon the situation in Wisconsin with regard to health care and pension costs being born by the taxpayers.

Commissioner Martinelli relayed information from the 2010 Census to the Board and audience and stated that our population has decreased from 6917 to 6565; commented upon the COG Dinner that she and Mr. Costa attended and their conversations with other elected officials regarding continued talks on shared services and thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the roads clear of snow and ice.

(66-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to donate the former police laptops to the three fire departments. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(67-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary

