

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, January 25, 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

(23-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2010 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mr. Dennis Davin, Director of Allegheny County Economic Development submitted correspondence indicating that although the proposals submitted for CDBG Year 36 were eligible, the amount of proposals greatly exceeded funding and therefore, the Township's proposals will not be funded.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Nick Didiano of 333 Cline Street requested an update on the potential sale of the former Slat property, which is adjacent to his home, to a nonprofit entity and registered another complaint regarding the maintenance of the property.

Mr. Matt Kramer, Manager of the Wilkins Township Shop-N-Save addressed the Board relative to the need to advertise and the difficulty in doing so due to the location of the existing facility; and requested clarification of the Township's temporary sign ordinance.

Ms. Patty Stewart, 118 Gardenia Drive, announced that the Recreation Advisory Board will sponsor a Senior Bingo and luncheon on March 13th in cooperation with Pittsburgh Cares, if the Township is successful in receiving adolescent volunteers from that organization.

(24-10) MOVED SZOKO-PADULA to approve the Schedule of Bills, as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(25-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the Settlement and Release Agreement between Wilkins Township and ProCare Pharmacy Direct, the L.L.C. and authorizing the appropriate officials to execute it. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(26-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to proceed with the lowest bid to produce core boring samples at the Wilbur Street retaining wall area. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Community Center Rentals:

Chairperson Martinelli established the following Committee to discuss renting the Community Center: Commissioner Szoko, Commissioner Fialla and Commissioner Costa. She requested that this committee meet within the next week.

(27-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise for the 2010 Road Paving Project as follows: Milling and Paving: Old William Penn Highway from Sunset to the Township boundary; and Tar and Chip Penn Center Boulevard. Milling and Paving of Hart Drive will be bid as an alternate. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (28-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize Chief Krancic to purchase five Tasers at a cost of \$6,176.60 from Witner Public Safety Group, the sole source manufacturer of the Taser X26, utilizing a grant from the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$3,705.96 and using Department of Justice Funding to pay the balance. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting "NO".
- (29-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize Officer Lehew to attend training in Lower Burrell on February 8th and 9th at a cost of \$395.00 to become certified in training officers on Taser use. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting "NO".
- (30-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the payment of \$6,892.00 to the Commonwealth of PA representing reimbursement for overpayment of 2007 state aid, plus interest as determined in the audit of the Police Pension Plan conducted by the Auditor General's office. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Szoko voting "NO".
- (31-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to exonerate Mr. George Porado, Tax Collector, from the collection of the unpaid balance of 2009 Township of Wilkins Real Estate Tax in amount of \$94,963.94. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Committee:

Chairperson Martinelli established a Delinquent Real Estate Tax Committee and appointed, in addition to herself the following individuals to that committee: Commissioner Szoko and Commissioner Padula. This committee is to meet on a monthly basis with the Solicitor.

- (32-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the revised subdivision and land development plans submitted by Kratsa Properties on behalf of NAI Acquisitions for the Village at Showcase Property (Lot/Blocks 542-F-50 and 542-B-70), located at 3455 William Penn Highway. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2009, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR PARK AND PAVILION RENTALS.

- (33-10) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to adopt Resolution No. 2-2010, increasing Park Rental Fees from \$50.00 to \$80.00 and the required refundable deposit from \$50.00 to \$75.00. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Padula voting "NO".
- (34-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the submittal of the following two proposals to the Local Government Academy Internship Program: an intern to work with the Township's records to develop an accurate database for Act 511 Collection; an intern to work with the Police Department to develop a Community Policing Program. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting "NO".
- (35-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the execution of a Right of Way Agreement with Duquesne Light Company for the installation of two new street lamps by the Community Center Parking Lot at an approximate annual increase in cost of \$300.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (36-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to remove Liz Kostandinu from the Recreation Advisory Board due to lack of attendance at meetings. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (37-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to appoint Frank Rizza to the Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mrs. Martinelli abstaining since Mr. Rizza is a nephew.
- (38-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the 2010 Pyrotechnico Fireworks Contract in the amount of \$3,500.00 contingent upon the review and approval of the Township Solicitor. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.
- (39-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Township to participate in the Allegheny County Summer Lunch Program from June 14, 2010 through August 20, 2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (40-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to attend the 2010 Grant Workshop sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on C2P2 Grants to be held on February 24, 2010 from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM at the Dormont Community Center at no cost. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (41-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the Manager to attend the PELRAS Conference to be held at State College from March 17th through March 19th at a cost of \$341.00 plus applicable hotel taxes. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.
- (42-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to authorize the manager to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of Lot/Block 454-L-30, a vacant piece of property located on Farnsworth Drive. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (43-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to approve the luncheon and Senior Citizen Bingo on March 13th in cooperation with Pittsburgh Cares. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioner Szoko commented on an article from the January edition of the Township News Magazine regarding the financial difficulties that all Pennsylvania municipalities are facing and how they are handling these crisis; stated that he has attended two meetings of the Act 32 Committee and will provide the manager with the minutes and thanked Commissioner Fialla for attending the last meeting due to his work schedule.

Commissioner Costa wished Mr. Calabria from Kratsa Properties the best of luck with the Showcase project; stated that he hopes things work out well with the Wilbur Street project; commented that he recently attended the ALCOSAN Consent Decree meeting and provided the manager with the written information if anyone is interested in reviewing it. He further commented that the news from ALCOSAN is not good. Funding for future projects will be 1/3 ALCOSAN and 2/3 from the communities. Mr. Costa also thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Fialla congratulated the Recreation Advisory Board for getting the newsletters out before the event deadline advertised in the newsletter this time and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Padula thanked everyone for coming to the meeting; thanked Mr. Calabria for providing the information relative to Showcase; thanked Liz Kostandinu for all of her hard work on the Recreation Advisory Board; thanked the Recreation Advisory Board for sponsoring the dance for teenagers and the bingo for Seniors and for all of their past work; commented on the Lions Park Study Survey which is available on the Township's website; commented on the increase in the total number of calls WHEMS has answered in Wilkins Township between 2007 and 2009 (from 611 to 980); thanked VFC #4 for providing space for an ambulance during business hours; thanked Chief Krancic for his work on the Tasers; and commented on the Slat property and Mr. Didiano's complaints.

Commissioner Martinelli asked that, in the spirit of working together, if any Commissioner has a prepared statement to be read at a meeting, that they provide that prepared statement to the rest of the Board members prior to the meeting and that they limit their comments to five minutes; stated that the recycling calendar included in the newsletter is not accurate for the month of May, 2010; thanked Amber Yon of Senate Engineering and Mr. Bruener for their work on the Wilbur Street project; congratulated Chief Krancic on his good work in securing funding from the District Attorney's office for tasers and thanked the Recreation Advisory Board for their good work.

(44-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary