

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, January 27, 2014 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. Wells

(38-14) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 13, 2014 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

None.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill, Property Maintenance Officer for the Township advised the Board that in conjunction with the conversation about blighted and vacant structures in the Township that was held at the last meeting, he extracted from his list of structures those that he believes have reached a point where the only solution is demolition. He provided that list to the members of the Board. Next, he will work to separate out those that are salvageable from those that may require larger investments to remain viable.

Mrs. Martinelli stated that she had an opportunity to speak with Congressman Doyle and Senator Costa recently and they recommended that Wilkins take a look at what Turtle Creek was able to accomplish with rehabilitating old homes.

Mrs. Dorothy Musial of 313 Frazier Drive stated her opposition to the Board supporting the passage of a "Wellness Day" for fulltime employees of the Township who participate in a blood draw, analysis and physician follow-up because it could be very expensive and become a nightmare.

(39-14) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to authorize the submission of an application to the Local Government Academy 2014 Municipal Intern Program seeking a graduate student to work with Mr. Hill and develop a program on vacant and blighted structures. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business:

(40-14) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to adopt and authorize execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wilkins Township Maintenance Employees Association and the Township.

(41-14) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to authorize the Township to enter into an agreement with Steel City to perform blood draws for biometric screening for full time employees and further authorize the provision of one wellness day per fulltime employee who has the screening done and schedules a follow up meeting with their primary care physician. The use of a wellness day by an employee cannot create an overtime situation.

(42-14) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the Solicitor and Engineer to work together on amending language for Chapter 144 of the Codified Book of Ordinances to require sidewalks along arterial streets in Commercial Districts in Wilkins Township.

Motions 40-14 to 42-14 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

(43-14) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to approve payment for those members of the Board who wish to attend the Turtle Creek COG Annual Dinner meeting at a cost of \$50/person. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Boyd commented about a new art gallery that opened in the Franklin School on Greensburg Pike. The name of the group is East of the East Side. They will have periodic openings and hours by appointment only. The artists are local. Mr. Boyd also commented about the sidewalk ordinance stating that he is glad the Township is moving forward. It will be more costly to develop these properties initially but the benefit will be long term. Monroeville is a good model to follow.

Mrs. Martinelli stated that after tonight, Zumba would cease because they are unable to get more than three participants. Mrs. Martinelli also commented upon her attendance at the VFC #4 After the Holidays Party and the VFC #3 Banquet and reminded everyone that the Township is continuing to look for volunteers for the Bicentennial Committee.

Mr. Wells commented on his attendance at the VFC #3 banquet and the new mini pumper that they hope to have delivered in the next few weeks.

(44-14) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary