

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, January 31, 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

(21-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2011. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mrs. Linda Cole of 259 Churchill Road submitted correspondence requesting that the Board consider revising the policy for false alarms so that residents are informed when they have reached the maximum number of uncharged visits.

Mr. Lawrence G. Zurawsky, Esquire submitted correspondence confirming that the Township is willing to accept a letter of credit to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as security for the completion of the traffic signal at Rodi and Maple.

Citizens' Comments:

District Magistrate Judge Tom Caufield requested that the Board of Commissioners consider offering community service opportunities to children within Wilkins Township who are required to perform that service as a result of truancy.

Karl Crary of 256 Penhurst recommended that the police department notify residents with alarms of the limit of free service when the first false alarm occurs, instead of waiting until they have reached the limit.

(22-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to amend the Rules and Regulations for the Community Center to permit the use of beer, wine and champagne with the following changes to the language presented: Page 20 under "Beverages," change "be advised of" to "you shall adhere to" in the second sentence; Page 21, first bullet point, change language to: "A certificate of insurance naming the Township of Wilkins as additional insured with \$1 million General Liability Coverage must be submitted and approved a minimum of five business days prior to the event" and add "boxes" to the second bullet point (beer, wine and champagne packaged in bottles, cans or boxes). The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(23-11) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing and advertisement of Proposed Ordinance 1012. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(24-11) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize the advertisement of a proposed ordinance adopting the 2009 edition of the Property Maintenance Code. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(25-11) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve Mr. Porado's request for exoneration from the collection of the unpaid balance of 2010 Township of Wilkins Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$59,068.66. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(26-11) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of Senate Engineering to pay retainage in the amount of \$650.00 to R&B Demolition for the demolition of 512 Washington Avenue. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- (27-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the request of Elizabeth Scanlon to perform 45 hours of community service to satisfy a requirement of her graduation from the University of Pittsburgh. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (28-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to authorize the Manager to advise Mr. Brozich that his group is able to utilize the deck hockey court at Eastmont, pursuant to his request, but if others are utilizing it, then they will not be able to do so until they are finished. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (29-11) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to approve the request of Joan Gottlieb to appoint Heidi Steele of Penn Center Boulevard and Janet Adams of Gilchrest Drive to the Churchill Area Environmental Council. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (30-11) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to appoint Mr. David Shook of Stevendale Drive to the position of Alternate for the Civil Service Board with a term expiration date of December 31, 2013. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (31-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to authorize the Summer Food Program at Eastmont, Linhart and Lions Parks from June 13th – August 19th. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (32-11) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to authorize Senate Engineering to prepare the final design, develop bid specifications and advertise for bid the Greensburg Pike/Elizabeth Street Sanitary Sewer Project. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Ms. Fialla cautioned everyone to be careful due to the weather forecast; thanked the Public Works Department for removing snow from the Township's roadways and congratulated District Magistrate Caufield on the job he's done so far.

Mr. Costa congratulated District Magistrate Caufield; thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the Township's roads clear; announced that the Recreation Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2011 has been postponed until Tuesday, February 8, 2011 and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on February 14, 2011.

Mr. Szoko commented upon the article in the newspaper regarding the sale of VoCollect and his conversation with Barry Layton from Penn Center regarding whether or not Penn Center management had contacted VoCollect to determine if they could provide them with additional space; commented upon the Codified Book of Ordinances provisions as it relates to commercial vehicles parking in residential neighborhoods and stated that he believes that the Board should continue to explore the possibility of having a forensic audit of the Township's finances at an estimated cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 to determine whether or not the Township is doing things "right."

- (33-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to explore the possibility of having a peer to peer review of the Township's finances. The motion was not adopted with a three to two vote with Messrs Costa and Padula and Mrs. Martinelli voting "NO".

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Padula stated that he does not disagree with Mr. Szoko's direction, but believes that the Board should discuss the issue first; commented upon the tremendous work that the Public Works is doing on keeping the roads clear; congratulated the Steelers on their AFC Championship last week and wished them the best of luck in the Super Bowl next week end.

Mrs. Martinelli commented upon the Chief's new seating arrangement; requested that the Township place an article in the next newsletter regarding the false alarm ordinance; stated that the Township received notification from the County about the weather these next few days and that the Red Cross team may have to open the Township Building/Community Center as a warming shelter if the power goes off as a result of heavy ice accumulations; commented again that she does not believe that Wilkins Township should be run like a business because the mission of the municipality is to provide services to its residents, without profiting and finally stated that the entire Board is pushing for a Steeler victory on Sunday in the Super Bowl.

(34-11) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary