

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, March 28, 2011 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

(86-11) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 14, 2011 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(87-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2011 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Ms. Cindy Thomas, Executive Director of Tobacco Free Allegheny submitted correspondence inviting the Township to participate in the “Young Lungs at Play” initiative sponsored by her organization and funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health through the Penn State Cooperative Extension. The Township must adopt a policy that prohibits the use of tobacco products in parks, playgrounds and recreational fields and Tobacco Free Allegheny will support those efforts by providing free “Young Lungs at Play” signs to be posted in designated tobacco free areas.

(88-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Township to participate in the “Young Lungs at Play” initiative and authorizing the manager to prepare a policy for review by the Board.

Ms. Amanda Settelmaier, Executive Director of the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments submitted correspondence inviting the Board of Commissioners to attend a meeting with elected officials from the Boroughs of Forest Hills, Churchill, Chalfant and Braddock Hills to explore new ways to work cooperatively. This meeting will be facilitated by David Miller of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA ) and the Turtle Creek Valley COG. It will be held at the Wilkins Township Community Center on April 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 PM

Mr. Joseph A. Dentici, Chief Executive Officer of Kuhn’s Quality Foods submitted correspondence to dispel rumors that the Kuhn’s Market on Brown Avenue was sold to Food Lion. The Beulah Road store is performing above expectations and continues to grow. The management has enough confidence in the store that they are investing substantial capital to enlarge the facility.

Mr. Colin Letson, an Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 90, Forest Hills, submitted a request for donations for a project he is planning as his Eagle Project in Forest Hills.

Citizens’ Comments:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill of 405 Kingston Drive discussed the recent news of a merger between the Wilkesburg Fire Department and the City of Pittsburgh Fire Department and specifically pointed out the similarities in size between Wilkesburg (2.3 square miles) and Wilkins Township (2.75 square miles) and the differences in expenditures for fire services in Wilkesburg (\$2.2 million) versus Wilkins (less than \$300,000).

(89-11) MOVED SZOKO-FIALLA to adopt the following Statement of Senior Management Support for Employee Safety Risk Management: “It is the policy of the Township of Wilkins to protect the safety and health of our employees. Our Township will establish a Workplace Safety Program that will help prevent injury and illness due to hazards. Employee involvement from each department is critical to the success of this program. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(90-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to earmark \$100,000 toward paving in the 2012 budget and deferring the paving of Jefferson Heights Road for 2011; and authorizing the Public Works Department to begin under drain, catch basin and base repairs (as possible) to Jefferson Heights over the remainder of the year in anticipation of a project in 2012. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(91-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of Senate Engineering to award the bid for the Elizabeth Street Sanitary Sewer Repair Project to Creative Enterprises Corporation, 1 Circle Drive, Dravosburg, PA 15034 for the total base bid amount of \$74,335.00 and authorizing the Public Works Department to complete the wearing course installation. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(92-11) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the Monroeville Arts Council to borrow the Township's art screens for their annual Art Festival at CCAC, Boyce Campus from Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(93-11) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to authorize the Manager to contact the Monroeville Arts Council to determine if they are interested in purchasing the Township's art screens. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(94-11) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to advertise a proposed Ordinance which would limit the revival of tax liens on properties where the lien is less than one hundred dollars. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Fialla questioned whether or not Mr. Padula or the Township had any additional information on property for the Woodland Hills Emergency Management ambulance company.

Commissioner Szoko commented upon Penn Prime's statement of "Doing more with less," and suggested that the Board focus on that when making decisions; and reminded everyone that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet again before the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Padula reminded everyone that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>; thanked Mr. Miller and the employees of the Department of Public Works for doing such a good job during Ed Bruener's absence; thanked Chief Krancic for placing the speed trailer on Larimer Avenue; stated that the three fire companies performed a walkthrough at H H Gregg last Tuesday; thanked Mr. Hill for the information that he provided about Wilkinsburg and stated that the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Departments may be further impacted by the institution of a fire tax, because it will further drive down donations; thanked Mrs. Bradley for the memorandum detailing new businesses coming into Wilkins and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

(95-11) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to authorize the manager to place a letter of commendation in Mr. Miller's file for his leadership during Mr. Bruener's extended absence. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Costa complimented the members of the Public Works Department on their skill-level and ability to perform different tasks, which makes it easy for the Board to make decisions to do work in-house as opposed to contracting it out; advised the Board and residents that Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers, especially drivers. Anyone interested in volunteering can stop in the office for additional information.

Commissioner Martinelli advised the Board that the CDBG demolition of 661 Larimer Avenue had begun; reminded the Board that the Recreation Advisory Board would be hosting an Easter party beginning at 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, stated that the Century Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on April 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 PM, that the Seniors will be going bowling on April 21<sup>st</sup>; and finally, reminded everyone that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean-Up Wilkins Day will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM at the Municipal Building.

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(96-11) MOVED PADULA- FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary