

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, March 29, 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

(87-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2010. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla abstaining.

Correspondence:

Municipal Employers Insurance Trust submitted correspondence advising that Highmark has announced that it will be withdrawing all PPO products from the small group market (employees with 50 or less employees) and replacing them with “comparable products under their fully-owned subsidiary, Highmark Health Insurance Company (HHIC).”

Christine Mezyk of 946 Lilly Lane submitted an email thanking the Township Public Works for their excellent job of clearing snow this winter and thanking the Board of Commissioners for keeping this service in the budget.

The Board of Commissioners authorized the sale of lot/block number 454-L-30, a vacant parcel of land located on Farnsworth Avenue. The Township advertised a request for bids for the sale of property in the Vallley Mirror on March 18, 2010 and March 25, 2010. The Township received one bid, as follows:

Mr. Donald Beam of 2604 S. Cranberry Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34286, bid \$1,000.00.

(88-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to accept the recommendation of the Manager to accept the bid of \$1,000.00 for the sale of Lot/Block 454-L-30. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Ms. Fialla voting “NO”.

Ordinance Number 1003: At the last meeting of the Board, held on March 8, 2010, Ordinance Number 1003 was presented for adoption. Unfortunately, the Ordinance was advertised for adoption at the meeting scheduled for tonight. Therefore, Mrs. Bradley requested that the Board consider adoption of this Ordinance again.

ORDINANCE NO. 1003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EMPLOYEES PENSION BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE POLICE EMPLOYEES OF SAID TOWNSHP

(89-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to read Ordinance No. 1003 for the first time by title only.

(90-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1003.

(91-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to read Ordinance No. 1003 for the second time by title only.

(92-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adopt Ordinance No. 1003.

Motions 89-10 through 92-10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(93-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to schedule a public hearing on April 26, 2010 for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed ordinance which would rezone portions of Larimer Avenue, Ridgecrest Drive and Brown Avenue and a proposed ordinance which would create a traditional neighborhood district overlay on Larimer Avenue from Harrison to Churchill. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND COMCAST OF PENNSYLVANIA II,,L.P.

(94-10) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1004 for the first time by title only.

(95-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 1004.

(96-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance No. 1004 for the second time by title only.

(97-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Ordinance No. 1004.

Motions 94-10 through 97-10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(98-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to approve the request of the Penhurst/Grayhurst Association to hold a block party on August 21, 2010; authorizing the provision of barricades and permitting the Association to use a disc jockey, provided that the Association ensure that the Township's noise ordinance is not violated. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(99-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to approve the request of the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments for a donation in the amount of \$50.00 to be used in the hospitality room at the Seven Springs conference. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(100-10) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the execution of a five year agreement with Pitney Bowes for the provision of a postage meter, maintenance and software at a cost of \$588.00 per year. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(101-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to authorize Officer Kemp to attend the Red Cross CPR and First Aid Instructor Course on April 5, 9 and 12, 2010 at a cost of \$230.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(102-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the donation of \$50.00 to the Churchill Environmental Council at be used for a graduation award. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(103-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to advertise for a public hearing to hear comments on a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance which would permit accessory structures of 120 square feet or less to be located within five feet of the side and/or rear lot line. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

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- (104-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to authorize the Public Works Department and the Police Department to accept a \$25.00 Panera's gift card from a Township resident in recognition of their service during the snow storm in February. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (105-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO to approve the request of Sergeant DeMarco to reimburse him for vacation and personal days from 2009 in the amount of \$5,361.04, pursuant to the award of the Arbitrator. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (106-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the refund of \$56,407.49 to SunGard Availability Services, 680 East Swedesford Road, Wayne PA for overpayment of 2007 and 2008 Business Privilege Tax. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (107-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to authorize Mr. Bruener to attend "Purchasing Power," a seminar sponsored by the Local Government Academy to be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Greentree Municipal Building at a cost of \$30.00. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Fialla thanked Mr. Bruener for requesting to attend training; thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Commissioner Szoko stated that it is getting harder and harder to spend any money on items without real value based upon the future financial projections.

Commissioner Padula stated that he attended a meeting to discuss police regionalization on March 20<sup>th</sup> with Senator Costa, Northeast Regional Police Chief Amman, and elected officials from Edgewood, Forest Hills, Churchill and Wilkins. The meeting was extremely positive and the group will continue talks with the goal of regionalization in the future. Mr. Padula also attended training provided by the American Red Cross for volunteers who would operate an emergency shelter/warming center at the Township building in the event of an evacuation. He was extremely pleased that at least 25 individuals volunteered and found it interesting how many different backgrounds were represented by the group. The group will meet again for the second of three training sessions on May 1, 2010. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Township offices for additional information. Mr. Padula stated that he also had the opportunity to attend the children's Easter Bunny Party which was held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The party was well-attended and organized. Finally, Mr. Padula reminded residents of the importance of completing their Census reports and mailing them back in and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Costa stated that the Easter Party was a success. There were 50 kids and 59 adults. The adults were required to pay for their lunch. In addition, a number of families donated additional dollars to the Board. Mr. Costa also thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the Wilbur Avenue wall. Wilbur Avenue is now reopened to traffic. Mr. Costa wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Commissioner Martinelli commented that it is essential that Wilkins residents complete and mail back their census forms. Currently, one polling place in Wilkins Township is represented by Mike Doyle. The other six polling places are represented by Tim Murphy. Because of this, the Township is not seeing funding from either.

Mrs. Martinelli also commented that she had an opportunity to attend the Senior Citizen Bingo/Luncheon which was sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Board and included about 15 young adults through the Pittsburgh Cares Foundation. These young adults were in Pittsburgh for a Boys and Girls Club Leadership Conference and were from different areas around the county, including Texas, New Jersey and Georgia. The Senior Citizens had a great time. Mrs. Martinelli also commented on a newly published book called "Dress Blues" which was written by a resident of Gilmore Drive, Mr. Bill Moore. Mr. Moore currently works at Starbucks in the morning, but served in the military where he received a silver star and four purple hearts. Mrs. Martinelli requested that Mrs. Bradley send Mr. Moore a letter congratulating him on the publication of his book.

(108-10) 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