

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, March 30, 2015 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

(73-15) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 9, 2015 as presented. The motion was adopted by 4-0 vote with Mr. Boyd abstaining.

Communications:

Ms. Susan Malone, Regional Director, Southwest Regional Office of the Department of Environmental Protection submitted correspondence in response to the Township's request for an extension of the existing Consent Order and Agreement (COA) which was due to expire March 30, 2015 (today). The DEP is agreeable to a two phased approach moving forward. Phase I will be implemented under an interim COA with a duration of 18 months. The Township will negotiate the provisions of Phase II with the DEP during Phase I. Phase II will include provisions that meet the time line contained in the federal Amended Consent Decree currently being negotiated with ALCOSAN. As a condition of Phase I, the Township must agree to provide a Green Infrastructure (GI) or Source Reduction Study designed to reduce flow entering the regional sewer collection system. The Township must conduct a pilot project to demonstrate that the GI will reduce Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) volume. The Township must also develop a GI Plan and Implementation Schedule and determine anticipated flow reductions through the use of Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP) manuals and/or removal of flow through other types of projects such as the Highland Avenue Separation Project. The Township should expect a draft COA shortly.

Announcement of Executive Session/Amendment to Agenda:

Mrs. Bradley announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss two items of personnel.

The Agenda for the meeting has been amended as follows:

- 1) Mr. Doug Beitko of Garvin Boward and Beitko will present a proposal for an engineering study of the slide area on Highland Avenue prior to Citizens' Comments in the event that citizens wish to comment on his proposal.
- 2) Under Old Business, Agenda Item #2 has been added and reads: Motion to condemn 160 Dorothy Street.
- 3) Under New Business, Agenda Item #4 should read: "Recommendation to rent a street sweeper from A&H Equipment at a cost of \$2500 per week for a maximum of two weeks."
- 4) Under New Business, Agenda Item #6(d) has been stricken.

Presentation of Engineering Proposal:

Mr. Doug Beitko addressed the Board regarding the recent slide on Highland Avenue and the closure of the roadway. Township Engineer Rob Arnold recommended that the firm Gavin, Boward & Beitko be retained by the Township to perform a study of the landslide area. The purpose of the study is to determine the soil and rock conditions at the site and evaluate those conditions with respect to the existing landslide and repair potential. The work will commence within one week of receiving official authorization to proceed. The estimated cost of the study is \$19,370.00, as further outlined in the proposal provided to the Board. The firm will drill four test borings, three in the immediate slide area and one at the toe of the slope. There are 2-3 homes directly below the slide area (Ayers Avenue) that may be impacted by the slide. At this time, Mr. Beitko does not believe that there is an eminent threat to those houses. It will take about 6-8 weeks from the date of testing until the results are provided to the Township. Mr. Bietko understands that there was a waterline break in the immediate vicinity of the landslide and as a part of the testing, they will be able to determine the water content in the soils and rocks.

Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Bill Wilson of 400 Dorothy Street requested that the Board consider donating \$500.00 to the Memorial Day Committee.

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Mr. Charles Watts of 881 Larimer Avenue stated that there is a homeless person squatting in 880 Larimer Avenue and requested that the Township remove that individual and board the home up.

Mr. Alan Holzer of 355 Churchill Road registered a complaint about the deplorable condition of Churchill Road and requested that the Township Board of Commissioners communicate with Allegheny County and have the road repaved.

Mr. Burt Kennedy of 415 Kingston Drive requested that the Board consider placing a speed hump at the stop sign at Dunbar instead of at 428 Dunbar Drive.

Mr. Stephen Lazzaro of 717 Thompson Street stated that he walks Highland Avenue and that the new slide occurred about a month ago. He watched the water seep from the ground. He believes that the latest damage is completely the fault of the Wilksburg Penn Joint Water Authority and requested that the road not be permanently closed.

Ms. Rebecca Hudak of 433 Wilbur Street requested that the Township consider rat baiting and boarding two vacant homes on her street – 441 Wilbur and 429 Wilbur; also requested information on who she could call to repair/replace her existing bridge if necessary.

(74-15) MOVED WELLS-COSTA to authorize the donation of \$500 to the Wilkins BPO Elks for the Memorial Day Celebration. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business:

(75-15) MOVED CRINER-MARTINELLI to deny the request of Penn Center to consider amending the zoning code to permit self storage units in the Commercial Zoning Designation. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(76-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to condemn 160 Dorothy Street. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

(77-15) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to authorize an engineering study to be performed by Garvin, Boward & Beitko Engineering, Inc., of 180 Bilmar Drive, Suite IV, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of determining the scope of the slide on Highland Avenue and making recommendations for repair/remediation, with funds to be drawn from General Fund Account Number 438.210 (Street Paving).

(78-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to authorize the Engineer to advertise for bids for the 2015 Dowling Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

(79-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bruener to purchase a 2015 HD 4x4 with extended cab and a 7'6" Western Snow plow from Whitmoyer Auto Group, Lancaster, PA, through the Co-Stars Purchasing Alliance at a cost of \$34,550.45, delivered.

(80-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to accept the recommendation of Mr. Bruener to rent a street sweeper from A&H Equipment at a cost of \$2,500 per week for a maximum of 2 weeks.

(81-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to authorize the execution of an agreement between Wilkins Township and Tropical Amusement contingent upon the insertion of language reserving the right to move the midway and ensuring that all contract pages are present, also contingent upon the review and approval of the solicitor.

(82-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to approve the following tax assessment settlements:

	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Year:</u>
a. Lot/Block: 542-E-095	\$1,235,900	\$825,000	2013-2015
b. Lot/Block: 453-P-046	\$ 340,000	\$395,000	2013-2015
c. Lot/Block: 453-P-225	\$ 277,900	\$290,000	2014
Lot/Block: 453-P-225	\$ 290,000	\$300,000	2015
d. Lot/Block: 542-J-150	\$ 450,000	\$475,000	2013

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Lot/Block: 542 J 150	\$ 475,000	\$500,000	2014
Lot/Block: 542 J 150	\$ 500,000	\$525,000	2015
e. Lot/Block: 453-I-386	\$ 133,000	\$142,000	2013-2015

(83-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to place temporary speed humps on Kingston Drive and Dunbar Drive as per the recommendation of the Traffic Calming Committee.

(84-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Manager to accept the quote from Traveler's Insurance for Cyber Insurance at a price not to exceed \$3,500.00.

Motions 77-15 to 84-15 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(85-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to accept the request of the Century Club to place a bin in the Municipal Building Parking Lot for paper recycling provided by Royal Oak Recycling. The motion was adopted by a 3-0 vote with Mrs. Martinelli and Ms. Criner abstaining.

(86-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to accept the request from Mr. Hill and Mr. Heider to attend a webinar entitled "Regulating Residential Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs" on Thursday April 16th from 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM sponsored by the Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy at a cost of \$20.00.

(87-15) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the request of Mr. Hill to attend "International Property Maintenance Code and Act 90 Training" sponsored by the Local Government Academy and the City of Pittsburgh on April 29th, April 30th and May 4th at a cost of \$250.00, the training site to be announced.

(88-15) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the request of Chief Krancic to send Officer Schlanger to JNet Training at State College on May 6th and 7th at a cost of \$190.00 for the hotel room.

(89-15) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to approve the request of Mr. Depner of 205 Penhurst Drive to use the Linhart Park outfield for East Catholic soccer practice on Mondays and Fridays from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM from April 3rd until June 15th.

(90-15) MOVED CRINER- WELLS to approve the request of Mr. Jeff Freiwald of 184 Penhurst Drive and the Woodland Hills Youth Soccer Association to use Lions Park playground on weekday evenings from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM from April 1, 2015 through June 1, 2015 for soccer practice for the boys ten and under division.

Motions 86-15 to 90-15 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners Comments:

Mr. Wells stated that he attended the Brunch with the Bunny event held at the Community Center last Saturday by the Recreation Advisory Board and there was a nice turnout.

Mrs. Martinelli stated that the 5K committee was able to secure the same starting point – the former D'Imperio's restaurant for the 5K race which is scheduled for June 20th. Also, the Century Club Spaghetti Dinner is on the 19th of April if anyone needs tickets, let her know. Finally, Clean up Wilkins Day is scheduled for April 25th (Rain date April 26th). Volunteers are asked to meet at the Community Center at 9:00 AM. Continental breakfast and a pizza lunch will be provided by the Senior Citizens and Century Club.

(91-15) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of all those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary