

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, March 31, 2014 was brought to order at 7:08 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli                      Ms. Criner  
Mr. Boyd                                Mr. Costa            Mr. Wells

Mrs. Martinelli stated that the Board of Commissioners met before the meeting in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an item of personnel and two items of litigation and apologized for being late to begin the meeting.

(79-14) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 10, 2014 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, P.E., Assistant District Executive for the Design Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation submitted correspondence advising the Board that SR 2065 (Thompson Run Road) has been selected as a part of PENNDOT's Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. CardnoTBE will assist in utility coordination and will be in touch with Township representatives shortly to review the project.

Karen McCarthy, CPA, Manager of Accounting for ALCOSAN submitted correspondence advising that she revised the invoice sent for the maintenance of the Thompson Run Interceptor for 2012 and that she would be providing backup documentation within the next several weeks.

(80-14) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Manager to correspond with ALCOSAN and advise that the Township will consider payment of the invoice for 2012 upon receipt and review of the backup documentation that ALCOSAN has indicated that it will provide. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Luis Rodriguez, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA submitted correspondence advising that the Federal Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Federal Insurance Study (FIS) report will be final on September 26, 2014 and reminding the Township that it must amend its flood ordinances to be in compliance with the new FIRM and FIS.

Agenda Changes:

Prior to hearing Citizens' Comments, Mrs. Bradley announced that Old Business Agenda Items #1 and #2 were tabled for tonight and that a new item of Old Business would be added: Offer of the donation of 239 Cline Street.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Thelma Landay of 1444 Laurel Drive requested an update on whether or not Walmart continues to be interested in locating at the former Sears site at Penn Center.

Mr. Paul Padula of 925 Rita Drive commented on the proposed draft recreational vehicle ordinance that the Board would be discussing. Mr. Padula stated that he does not believe that the requirement that RV's be set back 5' from the property line is realistic. It limits property owners' ability to use their own property. He does not have any issues with the remaining requirements of the draft ordinance, although he believes that the Board is overreaching in regulating what residents can and cannot do in their own yards.

Mr. Bill McElheny of 302 Delaney Drive stated that he also is opposed to the 5' setback requirement proposed in the RV ordinance. Mr. McElheny stated that it would limit an individual's ability to park other vehicles in their driveway.

Ms. Dorothy Musial of 313 Frazier Drive stated that she has been complaining for months about the unregistered and uninspected vehicles at Volunteer Fire Company #4 and requested that the Board take action to have these vehicles removed as they are visible from her backyard.

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Mr. Bill Ramsey of 144 Wallace Avenue stated that he is also against the proposed 5' setback from the property line for the parking of RV's. No matter where he puts his RV, he will not meet those requirements of the ordinance. He believes that this entire issue should be dropped.

Mr. Leonard Hill, Code Enforcement Official, stated that this all came about as the result of three specific cases. The problem on Ridgewood Drive with an uninspected and unlicensed RV under a tarp has been resolved. The problem on Alpine Boulevard with various vehicles parked in and around the property is on-going and the problem on Greensburg Pike with a boat being parked against the porch of the neighboring property has only been partially resolved. Mr. Hill stated that accessory structures such as sheds, garages and pools are required by code to be set back at a minimum 5' and therefore, the requirement for RV's is similar to that.

Old Business:

(81-14) MOVED MARTINELLI-BOYD to accept the donation of 239 Cline Street. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

(82-14) MOVED BOYD-WELLS to authorize the Manager to correspond with the Woodland Hills School District indicating the Board of Commissioners support for the revised voting system for the election of nine school board members by providing for the election of three directors from each of three regions as opposed to nine at-large directors.

(83-14) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to award a contract for the replacement of the municipal building garage doors to Trinity Garage Door and Awning at a low bid of \$29,300.

(84-14) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission in amending the Zoning ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development ordinance for the provision of Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks, as required by the Municipalities' Planning Code; further authorizing the Manager to submit the ordinances to the County of Allegheny for review and comment prior to advertising for a public hearing and adoption of the ordinances.

(85-14) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to table the proposed ordinance amending the Zoning ordinance for the regulation of RV's and authorizing Mr. Rushford, Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Hill to work on the language regarding the 5' setback requirement.

(86-14) MOVED COSTA-WELLS to approve Mr. Hill's request to "attend" a webinar entitled "Enforcing a Property Maintenance Code" being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at a cost of \$20.

Motions 82-14 to 86-14 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote

(87-14) MOVED CRINER-WELLS to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to approve the Brunch with the Easter Bunny Budget in the amount of \$1,000; to approve the contract with Tropical Amusements for the provision of carnival rides and a Midway for the Summer Festival and to approve the contract with Pyrotecnico in the amount of \$3,850.00 for fireworks at the Summer Festival. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Boyd voting NO.

(88-14) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to appoint Ms. Sandy Albert as Park Monitor for Lions Park and Mr. Ryan McGuire as Park Monitor for Linhart Park at an hourly rate of \$8.50 per hour beginning June 9, 2014 and ending August 12, 2014, contingent upon their respective receipt of the required clearances.

(89-14) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the reimbursement of \$885.54 to Mr. Nichter for Eastmont Ball Field supplies and equipment from the Wilkins Township Baseball account.

Motions 88-14 to 89-14 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Boyd stated that there is a sofa on the Township's side of Thompson Run Road and requested that the Public Works Department retrieve it. Mr. Boyd also commented on his "No" vote under the Recreation recommendations. It was not his intent to vote no on the Tropical Amusement Contract or the Pyrotecnico Contract, nor was it his intent to vote no on having the Easter Bunny Brunch. However, in the past he has requested and continues to request that the Recreation Advisory Board submit realistic budgets to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. The budget submitted this evening is not realistic and not reflective in any way of the actual expenditures that have been incurred in previous years. Typically, the budget is at least 2 times what the Recreation Advisory Board spends.

Mr. Costa commented that the Recreation Advisory Board tends to overestimate due to the lack of a final tally of the number of children and adults who will be attending in any one given year.

Mr. Wells stated that he agrees with Mr. Boyd and understands Mr. Costa's position. He will work with the Recreation Advisory Board members to resolve this issue favorably.

Mrs. Martinelli reminded the residents that April 26<sup>th</sup> is Cleanup Day and the Century Club Spaghetti Dinner is this Sunday. Mrs. Martinelli also stated that she was pleased to announce that Wilkins Township has been named a Banner Community for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

(90-14) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to adjourn. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary