

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2010

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, November 22, 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

(301-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the budget meeting and the regular meeting of Monday, November 8, 2010 as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:      None

Citizens' Comments:

Ms. Shirley Holtzman Schwartz of 14 Curry Court requested that the Board either place a reflecting mirror, add additional signage or move the light pole at the intersection of Larimer and Churchill Road, due to poor motorist visibility.

ORDINANCE No. 1009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 156, TAXATION. ARTICLE VIII, TAX NOTICES, DISCOUNTS, PENALTIES AND INTEREST, TO ENACT AN INTERIM ASSESSMENT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

(302-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to read Ordinance #1009 for the first time by title only.

(303-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the first reading of Ordinance #1009.

(304-10 ) MOVED POADULA-FIALLA to read Ordinance #1009 for the second time by title only.

(305-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the second reading of Ordinance #1009.

(306-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adopt Ordinance #1009.

Motions 302-10 to 306-10 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CHAPTER 124, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ADDING REGULATIONS GOVERNING REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS.

(307-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to read Ordinance #1010 for the first time by title only.

(308-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the first reading of Ordinance #1010.

(309-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Ordinance #1010 for the second time by title only.

(310-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the second reading of Ordinance #1010.

(311-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Ordinance #1010.

Motion No. 310-10 was adopted by a three to two vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.

Motions 307-10, 308-10, 309-10 and 311-10 were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP CODIFIED BOOK OF ORDINANCES, PART II, CHAPTER 173, ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE, SECTION 173-7, DEFINITIONS; ARTICLE III, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 173-13, LOT AND YARD REQUIREMENTS, AND ARTICLE IV, GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 173-20, ACCESSORY USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR REAR LOT LINE AND SIDE YARD AND TO PERMIT ACCESSORY BUILDINGS OR USES OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SQUARE FEET OR LESS WITHIN FIVE FEET OF THE SIDE AND REAR LOT LINES.

(312-10) MOVED COSTA-SZOKO to read Ordinance #1011 for the first time by title only.

(313-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the first reading of Ordinance #1011.

(314-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to read Ordinance #1011 for the second time by title only.

(315-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to accept the second reading of Ordinance #1011.

(316-10) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adopt Ordinance #1011.

Motions No 312-10 to 316-10 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING AND CONSOLIDATING RESOLUTION NO. 9-2009 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO'S. 02-2010, 09-2010 , TO INCLUDE FEE SCHEDULES FOR VARIOUS PERMITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, DELETING FEES FOR PERMITS AND SERVICES NO LONGER APPLICABLE, AND ADDING FEES FOR RENTAL REGISTRATIONS.

(317-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Resolution #23-2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLVING THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS FORMALLY REQUESTS A GRANT FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY (“RAAC”) AND DESIGNATING SYLVIA J. MARTINELLI AS THE OFFICIAL TO FILE ALL APPLICATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND FORMS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS AND THE RAAC.

(318-10) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to adopt Resolution #24-2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING WORK NECESSITATED FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE FROM ADVERSE EFFECTS.

- (319-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to adopt Resolution #25,2010. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (320-10) MOVED FIALLA-SZOKO requesting that the Planning Commission review the zoning ordinance as it pertains to the location of cell towers in the community. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (321-10) MOVED FIALLA-POADULA to table the proposed mutual aid agreement between the member municipalities of the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments for the provision of police services to permit Chief Krancic and Mr. Rushford an opportunity to review the proposal and speak with other Chiefs regarding the agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (322-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission, approving the land development for Pittsburgh East Nissan for a 1,930 square foot addition as presented. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (323-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to forward a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding existing nonconforming uses and structures to the Allegheny County Planning Division for review and comment. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (324-10) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA to approve the schedule of meetings for 2011 and authorizing the manager to advertise. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (325-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the manager to contact PRINT publications to prepare a new community directory at no cost to the Township. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (326-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the manager to contact Verizon and any other carriers to determine pricing on telephone and cable service for the Community Center. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Padula stated that he met with the Volunteer Fire Companies and discussed the Township's budget issues. A Public Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled for January 20, 2011 to further discuss this issue. Mr. Padula also commented about the laptop computers that have been returned from Response and whether or not the Township will be able to use them, or they should be given to the fire departments. Further, Mr. Padula stated that both he and Mr. Costa have agreed to contribute 25% of the increase in their healthcare premiums for 2011. Mr. Padula thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Fialla stated that a memorandum which was recently distributed to the employees stated that the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to require employees without

written agreements to contribute 25% of the increase in their healthcare premium in 2011 was wrong because she voted against that motion, but does not wish for the manager to issue a correction. Ms. Fialla also commented on the need to balance costs against benefits when determining whether or not to provide cable, phone and internet services to the Community Center for Red Cross services and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked those individuals planning on hunting to be careful.

Mr. Szoko questioned whether or not the Township needed to amend the ordinance providing benefits to Commissioners in order to effect a change in the contribution rate; commented on the increase in the Township's U-Comp premium; and stated that the economic climate of the Country with lost revenues and deficits in budgets is also affecting the Township which is why the Board is looking at cost-cutting and the elimination of unnecessary services as a way to avoid mass layoffs. Mr. Szoko thanked Ms. Yon and Mr. Bruener for their work on the Balint Lane Bridge project.

Mr. Costa stated that he attended the latest ALCOSAN stakeholders meeting and is discouraged because he believes that they keep reviewing the same information over and over again. They are talking about putting together a steering committee, which is what he thought he was already a part of. There will not be a rate increase in 2011, but he believes that there will be a significant rate increase in 2012. He also cautioned the public to keep an eye out for informational meetings in their neighborhoods for additional information on what ALCOSAN is doing and planning to do with retention facilities. Mr. Costa wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Ms. Yon and Mr. Bruener for their work on the Balint Lane Bridge project.

Mrs. Martinelli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

(327-10) MOVED FIALLA-PADULA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary.