

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SECOND STATED MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

The Second Stated Meeting of Monday, November 25, 2013 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. Wilson

(229-13) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 11, 2013 as presented. The motion was adopted by a 4-0 vote with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Executive Session:

Mrs. Martinelli announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session after the Budget Meeting and before the Public Hearing to discuss two items of litigation.

Communications:

Mr. Anthony Sorce, Assistant Executive Director of the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority submitted correspondence advising the Board of Commissioners that if it is their intent to pass on the 17% ALCOSAN increase to Wilkins Township residents, the WPJWA must be notified no later than December 1, 2013.

Mr. Daniel Cessna, P.E., PennDot District 11 Executive submitted correspondence inviting key stakeholders to attend an interview session to discuss the I-376 Parkway East Corridor Transportation Network Project.

Mr. Dick Hadley, Executive Director of the Allegheny League of Municipalities submitted correspondence requesting that the Board ask their state representatives to vote against a proposed bill that would amend the First Class Township Code to allow police officers to serve as school board members.

(230-13) MOVED MARTINELLI-COSTA to authorize the Manager to correspond with Representative Paul Costa and advise of the Commissioners belief that police officers should not be permitted to hold the public office of school board director. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Wilson voting no.

Citizens' Comments:

Mrs. Dorothy Musial of 313 Frazier Drive commented upon the increase in millage and the increase in the sewer users fee included in the 2014 proposed budgets.

Mr. Paul Padula of 925 Rita Drive congratulated Mr. Costa, Mrs. Martinelli and Mr. Wells on their successful election to public office and thanked Mr. Wilson for serving the remainder of his term due to his employers' decision that he was unable to do so.

Old Business:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1037**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING OUT OF REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 SPECIFIC SUMS REQUIRED AS SHOWN BY THE BUDGET AND FIXING ESTATE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014**

(231-13) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to read Ordinance 1037, the 2013 Budget Ordinance, for the first time by title only.

(232-13) MOVED CRINER-BOYD to accept the first reading of Ordinance 1037. Final adoption is scheduled for December 16, 2013.

Motions 231-13 to 232-13 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1038**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 822 OF 1992, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 960 OF 2004 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1022 OF 2011 INCREASING THE RATES OR CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID RATES OR CHARGES**

(233-13) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to authorize the Manager to: 1) Advertise Ordinance 1038 for adoption and 2) Notify the WPJWA to pass on not only the ALCOSAN increase, but also the increase in the Township's sewer user's fee to the residents. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(234-13) MOVED BOYD-CRINER to authorize the solicitor to create, with the aid and recommendations of the Planning Commission, an amendment to Chapter 144 of the Township's Codified Book of Ordinances, requiring sidewalk construction along arterial roadways in commercial zoning districts in the Township pursuant to defined parameters. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business:

(234-13) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to condemn 909 Larimer Avenue and authorizing demolition of the same.

(236-13) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to authorize the manager to notify Municipal Employers Insurance Trust (MEIT) of the Township's desire to terminate the agent relationship for the provision of health, dental, vision and life insurance, contingent upon appropriate coverage availability for retirees and their spouses.

(237-13) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to authorize the appointment of Babb as agent for the Township for the procurement of health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits, contingent upon the termination of the relationship with Municipal Employers Insurance Trust (MEIT).

(238-13) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer to disburse Pay Estimate #1 to Meyer Excavating, Inc., for the 2013 Dowling Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$100,223.10.

(239-13) MOVED WILSON-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer to disburse the final payment to Lutterman Excavating for the demolition of 1007-1009 Larimer Avenue in the amount of \$5,000.00.

(240-13) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to approve the request of VFC #3 to insure their new mini-pumper at an annual cost of \$1,620, and further authorizing the Solicitor to review the agreement of sale and provide correspondence to the Commonwealth indicating his approval of the agreement.

Motions 234-13 to 240-13 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(241-13) MOVED CRINER-MARTINELLI to authorize the Manager to create a resolution for consideration at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, supporting the display of the national motto "In God We Trust" in the Township Commissioners' room. The motion was adopted by a 4-1 vote with Mr. Boyd voting no.

(242-13) MOVED COSTA-CRINER to approve the Snow and Ice Agreement between the County of Allegheny and the Township of Wilkins, agreeing to the change in mileage and agreeing to compensation in dollars instead of in salt.

(243-13) MOVED COSTA-BOYD to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Board to accept the verbal resignation of Lauren Mankel and requesting that the Manager submit a letter thanking her for her service to the community.

(244-13) MOVED CRINER-COSTA to accept the Recreation Advisory Board budget in the amount of \$2,500 for the children's Christmas Party scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Motions 242-13 to 244-13 inclusive were adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Wilson questioned if the Board would be addressing the correspondence relative to the growth of bamboo in residential neighborhoods and if the Board was interested in checking with other municipalities to determine whether they had ordinances regulating its growth. Mr. Wilson also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

(245-13) MOVED BOYD-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary