



2. Guy Sherretts of 7448 Agnew Road, Linesville, PA 16424: 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee: \$1,051.00; 1989 Western Industries Tar Kettle: \$100.00.
  3. Rogers Auto Sales, 46300 Walnut /Street, Unit 3, P O Box 246, Rogers, Ohio 44455; 1985 Ford F-600 Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$2,085.00; 1990 GMC Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$2,090.00; 2001 Ford Crown Victoria: \$870.00; 1998 Ford Crown Victoria: \$220.00; 1996 Ford 4x4 Explorer: \$480.00; 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee: \$1,320.00; 1989 Western Industries Tar Kettle: \$60.00 Optional – Bids for all Units: \$7,125.00..
  4. Sokol Construction of 520 Milltown Road, New Kensington, PA 15068: 1985 Ford F-600 Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$2,628.00; 1990 GMC Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$4,228.00; 2001 Ford Crown Victoria: \$528.00; 1998 Ford Crown Victoria: \$158.00; 1996 Ford 4x4 Explorer: \$658.00; 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee: \$250.00; 1989 Western Series Tar Kettle: \$50.00. Optional – Bid for all Units: \$8,400.00.
  5. Tri-Valley Automotive of 409 Center Street, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112: 1985 Ford F-700 Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$600.00; 1990 GMC Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$2,115.00; 2001 Ford Crown Victoria: \$111.00; 1998 Ford Crown Victoria: \$111.00; 1996 Ford 4x4 Explorer: \$111.00, 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee: \$111.00, 1989 Western Industries Tar Kettle: \$111.00. Optional – Bid for all Units: \$3,370.00.
  6. Bay Ridge Motors, Inc., 1869 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10310: 2001 Ford Crown Victoria: \$1,189.00, and 1998 Ford Crown Victoria: \$555.00. Note: Improper bid form utilized.
  7. Auto Wholesalers, RD #3 Box 184A, P O Box 445, Holidaysburg, PA 16648: 1990 GMC Dump Truck with snow plow and salt spreader: \$7,777.00.
- (8-72) MOVED PADULA-SZOKO to refer the bids to Mr. Vargo for review and recommendation. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-73) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to table the proposed ordinance amending the Animal Ordinance and referring it to the Public Safety Committee for further review. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Billboards and Inspection Tags:

Mrs. Bradley shared a memorandum prepared by Mr. Hill with the Board. As the Board is aware, the JB Stevens case has finally been decided after being litigated since 1998. Because of this, the Township has issued building permits and sign permits to JB Stevens to install billboards – one on each side of the Hall Station Bridge. These billboards are not permitted to be L.E.D. The Township’s ordinance requires an annual inspection of billboards and the tagging of these billboards with an approved license. Mr. Hill has raised some concerns about access to the property as well as ability to tag the billboards. This will be discussed further with Mr. Hill and the Public Safety Committee for specific recommendations.

Proposed abandoned Vehicle Ordinance:

The Board reviewed the proposed ordinance for abandoned vehicles. This ordinance provides specific remedies (citing and impounding) for vehicles which are considered abandoned on both public and private property in Wilkins Township. After review of the ordinance, Mr. Matta requested to speak with Chief Guthrie and Mrs. Bradley further regarding the specific requirements of impounding vehicles on private

property. The ordinance will be revised and brought before the Board of Commissioners again on March 10, 2008.

(8-74) MOVED SZOKO to authorize the manager to advertise the Sidewalk Ordinance for adoption . The motion died for a lack of second.

(8-75) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to authorize the manager to advertise for a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 10, 2008 beginning at 6:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed transfer of a liquor license to Moe's Southwest Grill. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS AND REBECCA BRADLEY, MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

(8-76) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to read Resolution #3-2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-77) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adopt Resolution #3-2008. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting "NO".

(8-78) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to accept the indemnification agreement between Wilkins Township and Circuit City for the use of the Circuit City property during the Summer Festival 2008, contingent upon the review and approval of the Solicitor. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Baseball Grant:

Mrs. Bradley stated that the Township is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$10,000. made payable to Wilkins Township Baseball. The Baseball Association sought these grant funds for insurance, equipment and fees. The check is being held by the Township until Mrs. Bradley has received confirmation from DCED that the Township will not be responsible for the disbursement of funds or the close out of the grant.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Padula apologized to the audience for the way the beginning of the meeting was handled – with the approval of the minutes. It is impossible for the secretary to be able to record exactly what has occurred at each meeting. At tonight's meeting, there was a lot of discussion about the animal ordinance. Mrs. Bradley could not possibly reflect all of that in the minutes. What is important is that the most important things that occur at the meeting are recorded, not everything. Also stated that he would be in favor of providing a vehicle to East Pittsburgh through VFC #1 if it was possible and commented on the fact that it was much warmer in the auditorium this evening, as compared to the last meeting. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Szoko stated that he had copies of two articles from the Post-Gazette that he wanted to share with the board. The first was about the newly appointed treasurer for the City of Pittsburgh and how she is handling delinquent taxpayer accounts. The second was a report about how new legislation will lower the cost of workers' compensation premiums for employers by at least 10% to after April of 2008. Mr. Szoko commented that he was happy with the bid results and also commented on the temperature in Township buildings. He wants the temperature in the former Rescue #1 building to be set

at a maximum of 55-60 degrees. The temperature in the municipal building should be set at 68 degrees. He wants to review whether there are more efficient ways that the Township can heat the building, because right now there are both hot spots and cold spots. Commissioner Szoko stated that he has been asked how his GPA (goals/plan/action) initiative has been going. Neither he nor Ms. Fialla are taking Township healthcare and Chief Guthrie has decided to forego the purchase of a vehicle. Therefore, as for spending 20% less than budgeted, he believes that they have achieved that goal. He also stated that the reason that he voted no on Mrs. Bradley's contract was "nothing personal". It is his continued understanding that a contract that exceeds two years is illegal and he is still bothered by giving a sixteen percent increase in salary. Finally, Mr. Szoko apologized publicly to Mr. Vargo for his comments in the Woodland Hills Progress. He did not mean to upset Mr. Vargo. Mr. Szoko understood that Vargo would be responsible for the repayment of the settlement funds. Now, he understands that this is not the case. As far as he is concerned, the Hearn issue is closed and there is no further controversy there.

Commissioner Fialla stated that she believes that it is important that we get the names of residents who are speaking at public meetings correct and that we get the gist of their comments in the minutes. She also stated that she did not vote for Mrs. Bradley's contract because she continues to object to the significant increase in salary.

Commissioner Costa thanked everyone for their attendance this evening and stated that the work at the Community Center is progressing, although Ms. Fialla still needs to arrange a meeting with Senator Costa regarding the grant funding. Mr. Costa will be scheduling a meeting within the next week with the Building Committee. Finally, Mr. Costa reminded the residents to fill out their registration forms for the Easter Egg Hunt party and get them back to the Township building.

Commissioner Wilson stated that the Board of Commissioners met in executive session prior to the regular meeting to discuss a matter of personnel and a matter of potential litigation. He commented on the fact that Commissioner Szoko is saying that Chief Guthrie is not getting a new car. In his opinion, a car with 124,000 miles on it is not safe and should be replaced. Also commented that he disagrees with Commissioner Szoko's statement about not approving Mrs. Bradley's contract because it binds future boards. A previous board bound this and several others when they took out a General Obligation Bond for over a million dollars. A previous board bound this board by providing Chief Guthrie with a resolution that guarantees him the same benefits as employees of the Police Department – into infinitum.

Commissioner Padula stated that he just wanted to thank Mrs. Bradley for working with the Board on an amendment to her contract to try to give the Board a better feeling about the term. He wanted to reiterate that he has confidence in Mrs. Bradley and her ability to perform. He also stated that he is still unclear as to whether or not Chief Guthrie wants a new vehicle, or not.

(8-79) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary