

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADDITIONAL STATED MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

The Additional Stated Meeting of Monday, November 19, 2007 was brought to order by President Sylvia Martinelli at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli		Mr. Padula
Mr. Wilson	Ms. Fialla	Mr. Costa

(7-236) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of November 12<sup>th</sup> and the Regular Meeting of November 12<sup>th</sup>. With one correction: Under Wilson's comments, please note that Wilson has requested that the Solicitor contact the District Attorney to determine whether any criminal or election violations occurred through the mailing of the Wilkins Advisor. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications:

Mrs. Sylvia Martinelli, President of the G.F.W.C. Century Club of Wilkins Township requested permission to hold the Century Club's annual spaghetti dinner in the municipal building on April 13, 2008.

(7-237) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to approve the request of the Century Club. The motion was adopted by a four to one vote with Mrs. Martinelli abstaining.

Citizens' Comments: None

(7-238) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission, waiving section 148-25(b)(6) of the Land Development Ordinance for the Showcase East Redevelopment Site. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-239) MOVED PADULA-WILSON-COSTA to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Land Development and Subdivision application of NAI Acquisition, L.P. for the Showcase East Redevelopment site, with the contingencies outlined in the letter from the Planning Commission to the Board of Commissioners dated November 15, 2007 with one exception: the developer is not required to provide a sidewalk on the Kingston Drive side of his development and the developer agrees to work with the Township to include signage on the retention wall at the corner of Kingston and Route 22 for the Township. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-240) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to authorize the Manager to advertise the meeting schedule for 2008. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-241) MOVED WILSON-FIALLA to authorize the manager to advertise proposed Ordinance 983, the Local Service Tax Ordinance. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-242) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to authorize the manager to advertise proposed Ordinance 984, the 2008 Budget Ordinance, with a one-mill tax increase. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(7-243) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to authorize proposed Ordinance 985, the Verizon Franchise Agreement. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bradley announced that the next meeting of the Turtle Creek Watershed Association is scheduled for Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 PM at the Wilkins Township municipal building. All interested parties are invited to attend. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioners' Comments:

Mr. Costa stated that he hopes that the board will not tear down a good building (the former Rescue I building) that can be put to good use in the community. He disagrees with the comments made by Mr. Hanlon in the budget meeting prior to this meeting.

Mr. Padula stated that he provided the Board with a copy of correspondence from WHEMS in response to a question raised at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding a call at the American Italian Club. The total time from dispatch to arrival was nine minutes, not thirty minutes. It should also be noted that the call did not come in as cardiac arrest, but a man who fell, was conscious and still breathing. This did not change until the ambulance was on-scene. Mr. Padula also stated that the Township had only provided WHEMS with \$3,000 in funding so far in 2007 and requested that the Board consider an additional donation of \$3,000 and also providing funding for an opti-com unit for WHEMS, as it had for the Volunteer Fire Companies and Police Department. Mr. Padula also requested that the Police Department be directed to assign an officer to report when street lights are out so that Mrs. Taglieri can call them in. There are a number of street Lights that need to be repaired in the Township. He also requested that the information regarding reporting a street light be put into the newsletter that is currently being worked on. Finally, Mr. Padula requested that Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko remove their political sign from the front yard of 127 Gardenia Drive (Gibbons residence). As the candidates, they are responsible for their signs and the sign should have been removed within seven days of the election. Mr. Padula believes that the sign has been left in this location out of spite.

(7-244) MOVED PADULA-WILSON to authorize an additional \$3,600 in funding to WHEMS. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Fialla questioned Mr. Hill as to whether or not the Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Departments have adequate fire equipment to handle the proposed 4 story Marriott Residency Inn. Mr. Hill stated that VFC #3 has an aerial ladder and the Township also relies on the mutual aid agreements that it has with Monroeville and Penn Hills. These departments are called out at the same time as Wilkins for fires within the Route 22 corridor. Ms. Fialla thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Wilson congratulated Mrs. Martinelli on the birth of her first grandson; commented on the WHEMS call that Mr. Padula researched – it seems like a lot longer when you are waiting for the ambulance than it really is; wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and reiterated that he wants the Solicitor to review who financed the Wilkins Advisor and who put it together for possible criminal and/or election violations.

Mrs. Martinelli stated that she would like an update on the tasers that the Township requested from the County and advised that the Century Club would be donating an additional \$500.00 to the Wilkins Township Disaster Relief Fund. Finally stated that holding her first grandchild – Aiden Owen Behrle – has put everything back into perspective for her. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and good luck hunting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 10, 2007.

(7-245) MOVED WILSON-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary

