

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

The Reorganization Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008 was brought to order by Vice-President William G. Wilson at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Wilson		Mr. Costa
Mr. Padula	Mr. Szoko	Ms. Fialla

Certification and Oath of Office

Judge Edward J. Borkowski, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas administered the oath of office to Sharyn A. Fialla.

Recess –

The Board recessed for fifteen minutes, awaiting the arrival of Magisterial District Judge Susan Evashavik, who had been delayed.

Certification and Oath of Office:

Magisterial District Judge Susan Evashavik administered the oath of office to Paul G. Padula and Michael E. Szoko.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments offered at this time.

(8-01) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to open nominations for the selection of a President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Nomination for President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Costa nominated Commissioner William G. Wilson. There were no further nominations and nominations were thus closed.

(8-02) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to appoint Commissioner William G. Wilson to the position of President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was adopted by a 3-2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”

(8-03) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to open nominations for the selection of a Vice-President to the Board of Commissioners.. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote

Nomination for Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Szoko nominated Commissioner Fialla. Commissioner Costa nominated Commissioner Padula. There were no further nominations and nominations were thus closed.

(8-04) MOVED SZOKO-COSTA to appoint Commissioner Fialla to the position of Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was defeated by a three to two vote with Mr. Costa, Mr. Padula and Mr. Wilson voting “NO”

(8-05) MOVED COSTA-WILSON to appoint Commissioner Padula to the position of Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was adopted by a three to two vote with Mr. Costa, Mr. Padula and Mr. Wilson voting “YES”

(8-06) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to close all nominations. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

President Wilson made the following appointments:

FINANCE: Michael Szoko, Chair; Joseph Costa, Paul Padula

POLICE: Paul Padula, Chair; Michael Szoko, Joseph Costa

PUBLIC WORKS: Joseph Costa, Chair; Sharyn Fialla, Paul Padula

RECREATION: Sharyn Fialla, Chair; Joseph Costa, Paul Padula

- (8-07) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to appoint the law firm of Dodaro, Cambest and Associates as Solicitor for the Township of Wilkins. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-08) MOVED FIALLA-COSTA to appoint William McKeever as Engineer for the Township of Wilkins. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-09) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to appoint Mr. N. Leonard Hill as Fire Marshal for the term of two (2) years. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-10) MOTION PADULA-FIALLA to appoint Paul Romanelli as Deputy Fire Marshal for VFD #1; Nick Slobodnyak as Deputy Fire Marshal for VFD #3 and William McElheny as Deputy Fire Marshal for VFD #4. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-11) MOVED COSTA-FIALLA designating PNC Bank as a Depository for the Township of Wilkins. The motion was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote with Mr. Padula abstaining (employee of PNC).
- (8-12) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA designating the PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as a Depository for the Township of Wilkins. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-13) MOVED COSTA-PADULA designating the Woodland Hills Progress, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Pittsburgh Tribune Review as the newspapers for legal notices. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Appointments of Representatives:

Commissioner Wilson made the following appointments:

Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments: Joseph Costa and William G. Wilson

Commissioner Liaison to the Allegheny County Emergency Operations Center:

Paul Padula

Woodland Hills Emergency Service Board: Paul Padula

3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program Board: Sharyn Fialla & Michael Szoko

Turtle Creek Water Shed Association: Joseph Costa and Sylvia Martinelli.

- (8-14) MOVED PADULA-FIALLA to appoint Ralph Keller to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-15) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to appoint Steve Farris to a five year term on the Planning Commission. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- (8-16) MOVED COSTA-PADULA to appoint Angie Giallereto to the Vacancy Board for a term of one year. The motion was adopted by a three to two vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.
- (8-17) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to appoint Charles Weisberg to the Industrial Development Authority for a term of five years. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Wilson directed the manager to notify the public that there are two unfilled positions available on the Industrial Development Authority Board and anyone interested in a position should submit a written request for appointment.

(8-18) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to appoint Patricia Kaye to the position of Civil Service Board – Alternate for a term of six (6) years. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

(8-19) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to appoint Sylvia Martinelli to the position of Civil Service Board – Alternate for a term of six (6) years. The motion was adopted by a 3 to 2 vote with Ms. Fialla and Mr. Szoko voting “NO”.

Commissioners Comments:

Mr. Padula thanked the residents who voted to re-elect him to the position of Commissioner. He stated that he has been a Commissioner now for eight years and he has learned an awful lot. He is here for the next four years and is at the service of the public. He sincerely thanked the public for continuing to put their trust in him and thanked Susan Evashavik for administering the oath of office.

Mr. Szoko stated that he was honored and humbled to represent the Township of Wilkins. He lives in Wilkins and has a business here as well. He realizes that he was handed a set of keys and a car. He does not own the keys or the car. He promises to keep the car clean and safe.

Ms. Fialla thanked Judge Borkowski for administering the oath of office and thanked the residents for voting to re-elect her to the position of Commissioner. She is working for the public and welcomes the opportunity to continue to serve.

Mr. Costa congratulated the newly elected members of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wilson thanked the audience for their patience this evening and thanked Judge Borkowski and Susan Evashavik for administering the oath of office.

The Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary

