

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 10, 2011

The First Meeting of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg	Edwinna Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	James McGowan
Louis Starniri	David Williams

ABSENT:

David Jones, Russ Lipari, Bob Reiss

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Chief Michael Collins, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 27, 2010 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Pam Taylor of 1943 Fairview Avenue appeared before Council to discuss policies in place for handicapped parking spots. Ms. Taylor wished to discuss the Borough's policy of only allowing someone with a handicapped license plate to have a handicapped spot on the street. Ms. Taylor only wishes to have a handicapped placard as a handicapped plate might let a prospective employer know that she is disabled. The commonwealth considers the plate and the placard as equals. Ms. Taylor feels that her placard is enough to warrant a spot on the street. Ms. Taylor would also like to be the only person to use the spot. Several Council members stated that the Borough cannot allow someone to have a reserve spot on the street. Ms. Taylor has spoken to ADA and the Borough is not mandated to comply by ADA rules, but Ms. Taylor felt it would be nice for the Borough to set a precedent by doing so. Other Borough residents have been turned down for spot because they only had a placard. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to have Mr. Minotti look into the handicapped parking ordinance requirements. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A resignation letter from Borough Council has been received from David Schug. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to accept the resignation with regrets. Second by Mr. Williams.

2. A letter was received from Edwinna Howey requesting consideration for the vacated Council seat. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked how Ms. Howey found out that there was a vacancy on Council. Mr. Feinberg stated that Ms. Howey had been in the office and found out then. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer felt that the Borough should advertise for the position as there might be someone else out there that was interested. Mr. Feinberg responded that the Borough Code did not require the position to be advertised. Mr. Starniri added that Ms. Howey had been attending Council meetings for a long time and she also participated in several Borough activities such as being Chairperson for BlockWatch, put together National Night Out and participated in Civic Association activities. Ms. Howey was knowledgeable about Council activities already. Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Ms. Howey to the open Council seat. Second by Mr. Williams. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion to appoint Ms. Howey to Council was approved by a four to one vote. Mayor Perruso proceeded to swear Ms. Howey in as Council person.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has given the Public Works Department the heads up for the snow storm expected tomorrow.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received an email from Sofia Malatos of The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to hold their Spring Festival in Meuser Park on May 13, May 14 and May 15, 2011. The park is available on those dates. The festival would be the same as it was last year. However, they have contacted Dreamland Amusements, the company that supplies the rides for the Lions

Fair, about having one or two small rides for children. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow Meuser Park to be used for the Spring Festival in May. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received the registration information for the 100th Annual PSAB to be held at the Hershey Lodge from April 10-13, 2010. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Minotti will be attending. Ms. Lohrman will make the reservations for them. Mayor Perruso will also be attending, but PSAB will be handling his reservations.

3. The Borough has a certificate of deposit due on January 29, 2011 for \$1,102,062.14 for a term of 15 months. Ms. Lohrman will get rates from several institution and report back to Council at the next meeting. The certificate will be renewed for \$1,000,000.00 and the interest will be transferred into the CD interest account.

4. The architect from Geroge J. Donovan AIA has reviewed the lowest three bids for the Fisk Field restrooms and refreshment stand. The lowest bidders are: CMG of Easton, Inc. - \$228,900.00, Donohue Excavating and Paving - \$229, 913.00 and Walter Brucker & Co., Inc. - \$237,300.00. Three references have been contacted for each bidder. Comments from references have been included. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer had an issue with the apparent lowest bidder as one of the references had issues with the contractor. The other two references were good. Mr. Starniri stated that he had previously gone to court when the Borough did not accept the lowest bidder. One bad review should not disqualify someone from getting the bid. Mr. Minotti responded that it was a judgment call as the other two references were good. He did not have a problem awarding the bid to the lowest bidder. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to award the bid to the lowest bidder, CMG of Easton. Second by Mr. Williams.

5. P. Joseph Lehman, 24th Street bridge engineer, has requested a time extension for Part II – Final Design for the project. The expiration date would be changed from February 28, 2011 to April 28, 2011. Ms. Lohrman added that the engineer has received approval for the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for the project. The approval is need prior to the construction. Motion by Mr. Starniri to grant the extension. Second by Mr. Williams.

6. Ms. Lohrman requested permission to hire Jessica Rivera as a Crossing Guard. Chief Parkansky has favorably completed a background check on Ms. Rivera. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Ms. Rivera as a Crossing Guard. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has compiled the information for the Civil Service Commission. Ms. Lohrman will see that Ms. Laureigh receives the information. If there are any questions, they should be directed to Mr. Minotti.

2. Mr. Minotti has put together the latest arbitration award and incorporated it into a new contract with the Fire Department. It is available from review.

3. Mr. Minotti has completed the amendment to the recycling ordinance. It is ready for the next Council meeting. Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise the amendment to the ordinance. Second by Mr. Williams.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan has not received any information about the upcoming MECAB meeting in January.

COG:

1. The next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 in Bethlehem Township at 7:00 p.m.
2. Mr. McGowan has received a note from Tom Harp of the county COG to see if they could hold their meetings in various places. The meeting would be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. McGowan requested Council persons to let him know if they were interested in holding the meeting here.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired where the check for the sewer capacity from Williams Township went. Ms. Lohrman responded that she deposited into the Sewer Capacity Money Market account last week as she did not want the check to sit around the office for several days. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired whether the funds could be used for expenses. Mr. McGowan responded in the negative.
2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired whether the county was considering moving the polling place for the 3rd ward back into the 3rd ward. Mayor Perruso responded that the head of the voting for the ward has been in conversations with the county as many of the residents would like it moved back. Once the renovations are completed at the middle school, there may be a place that can be used there. However it may be another year before the school is completed.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$180,907.54 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY