

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 28, 2011

The Second 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
David Jones
Russ Lipari
Bob Reiss
David Williams

Edwinna Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 14, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Lipari.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Joseph Martino, Jr. of 420 N. Greenwood Ave. appeared before Council to discuss the reason why the Borough does not accept credit card payments as does the City of Allentown, the City of Bethlehem and several other entities. Mr. Martino would like to Borough to offer on-line payments or credit card payments. Mr. Feinberg responded that there would be additional costs to the Borough if credit card payments were accepted. Mr. Martino would appreciate if the Borough would consider offering credit card payments.

Mr. Reiss would like to Borough to consider allowing installment payments for taxes. Council had discussed it previously, but decided against it. Now that taxes have gone up, Mr. Reiss would like Council to reconsider their position. Mr. McGowan felt that residents could budget the funds over a period of time and pay the taxes when they were due.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Palmer Township Municipal Sewer Authority requesting conveyance capacity in Wilson Borough's sanitary sewer collection system from Front Street south along the east shoulder of S. 25th Street where it discharges back into the Palmer Township's Municipal Sewer Authority's Sanitary Sewer System manhole A38A. The estimated flow of 10 edu's at 250 gpd in an average daily flow of 2500 gpd with a peak daily flow of 6250 gpd. Mr. Drake has checked the flow several times in this portion of the line and there is very little flow. Only Front Street, Firmstone Street and the middle school run into the system on S. 25th Street. Mr. Reiss did not have a problem with giving Palmer Township the conveyance capacity as it would not cost the Borough anything. Mr. McGowan stated that the Borough is paying Palmer Township their rates which are higher for those properties flowing in the line. It is slightly over \$2,000.00 a quarter. Mr. McGowan added that there was very little flow during the recent meter study. The S. 25th Street sewerage runs into the Lehigh Drive line. Motion by Mr. Reiss to give Palmer Township the conveyance capacity they requested. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

2. St. Jane Frances de Chantal School has requested the use of the alley way between 19th and 20th Streets behind the school (Filbert Street) for a marathon on April 8, 2011. The walk would be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve request. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

3. Dr. Steve Super, owner of Super Physical Therapy, at 2101 Washington Blvd. requested a one hour parking sign be posted directly in front of his building on Washington Blvd. Dr. Super does have a small parking lot that he shares with two other physician practices. Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve request. Second by Mr. Starniri.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso requested a Caucus at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received a letter from the PA DEP stating that the Borough's 2008 Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant had been approved in the amount of \$4,874.00. The check has been deposited in the bank.

2. Ms. Lohrman has also received a letter from the PA DCED stating that the Borough's 2010 CDBG application for the completion of the decorative crosswalks had been approved for \$199,975.00. The Notice to Proceed has not been received as of yet.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins thanked Chief Parkansky, Mr. Drake, Suburban EMS, the neighbors of the 1500 block of Lehigh Street and Ms. Howey for all their assistance during the recent fire.

Chief Collins also stated that Officer Shull had received unfair criticism for not breaking into the property when he arrived at the fire. Officer Shull had done the correct thing by not entering the house. Three properties could have been lost if he had gone in.

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky appreciates the way the Fire Department, Public Works Department, the neighbors and Ms. Howey all worked together at the fire scene. Council should be proud of everyone. The outcome could have been worse.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake had posted temporary "No Parking" signs on S. 20th Street from the alley to Northampton Street. The signs worked well. Mr. Drake has spoken to Chief Parkansky and he would like to make the "No Parking" area permanent. Mr. Jones pointed out that it is often difficult to see around trucks that are parked near intersections. Mr. Minotti would need to draw up an ordinance in order to make it permanent. Mr. Drake will supply Mr. Minotti with the proper measurements.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has mailed a letter to the DEP concerning the Borough's recycling ordinance. He will make sure Ms. Lohrman gets a copy of the letter so she can disperse it to Council.

2. Mr. Minotti has spoken to Attorney Bruno concerning the agreement with Palmer Township. The agreement is almost ready. There is a question about where a sewer line easement is on the property. After the matter is worked out, it will come before Council.

3. Mr. Minotti has met with Brian Saylor concerning the agreement for the Fisk Field restrooms and concession stand. Mr. Saylor is in the process of completing the agreement. The necessary insurance is still pending.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that MECAB met last week. Ed Knittel from PSAB was the guest speaker. He discussed the commonwealth's transition to Governor Corbett. PSAB has a list of educational programs they are doing on disk or webinars.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A member of the Seventh Day Adventist church on S. 22nd Street appeared before Council to request the use of Meuser Park for a youth event on May 21, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ms. Lohrman checked the schedule and May 21, 2011 is already booked, but May 28, 2011 is open. They would like the use of the pavilions and the bandshell. The expected attendance is 300 or so people. Programs would be offered throughout the day. Some parking is available at the lot at the church. The matter will be discussed at the next Council meeting when more information is available from the church concerning traffic, parking, insurance and other items.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$110,854.33 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY