

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 14, 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
David Jones	Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Russ Lipari	James McGowan
Bob Reiss	David Williams

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri

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 28, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Williams.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Palimoda Properties, LLC, David E. Colver, Member, informing Council that he is in the process of purchasing 2106 – 2114 Hay Street, a six unit apartment building. The former owner of the property had requesting in 2006 a minor sub-division plan to break the larger parcel into four (4) proposed lots. The Wilson Borough Planning Commission and Borough Council had approved the request and signed the plan. The owner never signed the plan, had Lehigh Valley Planning Commission review the plan or had the plan recorded at the Northampton County Courthouse. Mr. Colver requested Council to allow the property to go back to one parcel, Parcel ID# L9SW4C 16 16 0837. Mr. Colver has contacted the Northampton County Recorder of Deeds and they will allow Mr. Colver to go back to the one parcel, as long as the Borough approves the request. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the request. Second by Mr. Reiss.
2. Mr. Feinberg has received a letter from the PA DCED approving the application for the HOME Program. The allocation is \$350,000.00. The breakdown is \$334,264.00 for project expenses and \$15,736.00 for administration.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.
After the Caucus adjourned, Mayor Perruso proposed to Council that part-time Officer Michael Assise be removed from the work schedule for breaking the Code of Conduct and for Neglect of Duty. Motion to approve the recommendation of Mayor Perruso by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. McGowan. Mr. Minotti stated the Mr. Assise wished to appeal his suspension. Council is willing to provide a hearing to Mr. Assise on the matter. The hearing may be public or private. Mr. Assise will make a determination on the type of hearing he desires. Mr. Assise is not prepared for the hearing prior to the next Council meeting. He may want the union members present at the hearing.
2. Mayor Perruso has received three requests for handicapped parking: William Hine of 803 Balata Street, Robert F. Seiple of 1549 Lehigh Street and Katherine Adkins of 209 S, 17th Street. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned the process the City of Easton uses for handicapped parking spots. Council was informed it cannot charge for handicapped parking, but the City charges for labor and materials. Council may wish to reconsider being reimbursed for the expenses for installing the spots. Mr. McGowan stated that the ADA said that municipalities could not charge. Mr. Feinberg responded that the Borough should check with the ADA before any changes are made. A sign can reserve a spot for someone. Two spots are allowed in each block. The Borough does have provisions for hardships. The Borough still requires a license plate to obtain a spot. Motion to approve the request for the three handicapped spots by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Lipari.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Council has received a request to hire Diane Hunt as a fill-in Crossing Guard. Chief Parkansky has performed a favorable background check. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to hire Ms. Hunt as a substitute Crossing Guard. Second by Mr. Jones.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the contract with the firm building the restrooms and concession stand has been executed. Mr. Drake, Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Lohrman met with the contractor and the architect on March 10, 2011 for a pre-construction meeting. As soon as the Bond is received, the Notice to Proceed will be issued. The contractor will be signing contracts with the sub-contractors within the next 10 days to two weeks. Depending on the weather, the construction could begin by the end of March.

Ms. Lohrman inquired on how Mr. Jones made out with getting a water wheel from the school district. Mr. Jones responded that he was unable to get one. In spite of all the rain, the field was in pretty good shape. Mr. Drake has been putting the lights on at the field. Mr. Jones requested permission to allow 11 Bushkill Valley League baseball games to be played at Fisk Field. The grass should be in good enough shape to allow the games only to be played. There has been no where else for them to play. Mr. Drake responded that the football field will have to be fenced off and the goal post removed. Mr. Drake would not recommend that the field be used. Ms. Lohrman added that the parking lot will be used as a staging area for the construction and be unavailable. Mr. Jones responded that people could park where they were parking previously on the Easton side of the Lower Hacketts Park. Mr. Jones felt that the field would be fine if it is fertilized aggressively. Mr. Drake only has a hand sprayer and was not sure if his staff had the proper licenses to spray fertilizer. Motion by Mr. Reiss to get bids for fertilizer services. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Mr. Feinberg requested Ms. Lohrman to call S & H Landscaping to get their input on the use of the baseball field. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to try to use the baseball field if S & H Landscaping thought it would be alright. Second by Mr. Jones. Mr. Drake would also like to be included in the conversation about the condition of the baseball field.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received a phone call from Mark Vottero concerning the letter Mr. Minotti had sent him about the Borough not being in compliance with commonwealth recycling mandates. Mr. Vottero informed Ms. Lohrman that the Borough had come into compliance with deficiencies in recycling compliance several years ago. The letter the Borough had received in July, 2010 was the guidelines that a municipality needed to follow in order to be compliant. It was not a list of violations the Borough had.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received an Agreement for Polling Place for the Strausser Center for the Primary Election and the General Election in 2011. The Agreement did not specify if it was for the polling place for the 2nd and/or 3rd Ward. Motion by Mr. Reiss to execute the Agreement. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Ms. Lohrman was directed to contact the County Election Board and is only to execute the Agreement if it was for the 2nd Ward only.

5. Ms. Lohrman has received a Supplemental Reimbursement Agreement for construction funds for the 24th Street bridge project. While Ms. Lohrman only received the agreement today, PennDot would like the agreement executed and returned by the end of the week. The documentation also requires a Resolution stating who Council authorizes to execute the agreement. Ms. Lohrman has prepared Resolution No. 1077 appointing Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Lohrman to execute the agreement. The project bid opening is scheduled for April 14, 2011.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky inquired what the status of the "No Parking" ordinance for S. 20th Street was. Ms. Lohrman responded that she had sent Mr. Minotti the requested information. Mr. Minotti responded that he did receive the information.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. McGowan requested that Mr. Drake adjust the timers for the lights on Washington Boulevard. Mr. Drake responded that he would take care of it.

2. Mr. Drake informed Council that the community center work has been completed and the construction costs were under budget.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that he has not received any information on the next MECAB meeting. The annual tour in May would begin and end at Coca-Cola Park. Seating for the tour is limited.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. The request from the Seventh Day Adventist Church to use Meuser Park for a youth event will remain tabled. Ms. Guth had recently answered several questions from the church concerning a proposed banner and the possibility of selling food at the event. There was not a representative from the church at the tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1177- Naming Individuals Who Are Authorized to Sign the Supplemental Federal-Aid Reimbursement Agreement #050007C. Motion to approved Resolution No. 1177 by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$123,412.16 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY