

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 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	Edwinna Howey
David Jones	Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Russ Lipari	Bob Reiss
Louis Starniri	David Williams

ABSENT:

James McGowan

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 14, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Francis McBride appeared before Council to ask for forgiveness on several late charges that have accrued his garbage and sewer bill for his rental property on Second Street. His son had rented the property and since moved out. It is the Borough's policy only to send the bill to the property owner. However, his bill was sent in his son's name to his home address. The penalties are close to \$100.00. Mr. McBride felt that the bills are flimsy and can easily be mixed with other mail. The bills have been sent to Mr. McBride's address at 953 Fallon Oak Drive. The name and address on the bill were changed when Mr. McBride purchased the property in 2008. Mr. Jones asked why Mr. McBride never questioned why he wasn't getting a bill. Motion by Mr. Starniri to adhere to past practice and not remove the penalties. Second by Mr. Reiss.

2. Jennifer Ialeggio from Palmer Township stated that she has always found Michael Assise to be a fair and honest person. He handled the Avona Fire matter to the best of his ability. Ms. Ialeggio requested that Mr. Assise's disciplinary hearing be made public. Mr. Feinberg responded that the hearing is a personnel matter. The hearing will be public if Mr. Assise requests that it is.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received by the Avona Volunteer Fire Company requesting permission to host a Pig Roast at Meuser Park on July 23, 2011 for members of the club. Ms. Lohrman stated that the club had several pig roasts at the park over the last few years without incident and the requested date is available. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the Pig Roast on July 23rd. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that Chief Parkansky was at the range this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that both Borough Engineer Amy Montgomery and Richard Sherker, S & H Landscaping, agree that Fisk Field should not be used this spring for baseball. Ms. Montgomery also stated that playing baseball on the field prior to the fall could invalidate the performance bond. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Mr. Jones and he is aware of the situation.

2. Mr. Sherker suggested putting pre-emergence weed killer on Fisk Field by April 10, 2011. A granular, moderate, nitrogen fertilizer 20/10/10 should also be used on the field. Mr. Sherker also suggested watering the field with a water reel. Mr. Jones informed Council that he had spoken to Rosie Amato and the school district would be using all their water reels to water their fields. Mr. Feinberg has spoken to the company that takes care of the fields for the Easton Area School District and will get prices from the company for the water reels that they use.

Mr. Sherker gave the Borough a quote of \$1,748.00 for an application of pre-emergence weed killer and fertilizer for the spring.

Mr. Drake and Mr. Behler got a price from R & R Lawn Service, Inc. for five (5) treatments of fertilization, weed control, pre-emergent control, and insect control during the year at \$335.00 for each treatment. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to use R & R Lawn Service for the treatments. Second by Mr. Jones.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Northampton County does not have a place for the Third Ward to vote this year. Dee Rumsey had spoken to the school district, Antonian Towers, Wilson Manor and Pete Rossi and no one will allow them to use their facilities to voting purposes. Ms. Rumsey would like to use the community center for both the Second and the Third Wards. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to use the community center for the Third Ward also. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. Reiss. Motion carried by a seven to one vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Williams made a Motion to appointment Mrs. Wacik as Pool Manager and John Whilden as Assistant Pool Manager. Mr. Whilden has agreed to get a Category 24 license. No other applicants are qualified. No Second was received on Mr. Williams' Motion. Mr. Lipari would like to review the applications for the positions. After a Caucus, Council tabled the matter until the next meeting. Several Council members expressed their concerns about delaying the hiring of staff. Mr. Drake reminded Council that it would take time to get a Category 24 license.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has prepared the draft ordinance concerning no-parking on S. 20th Street between Pine Street and Northampton Street. The ordinance stated S. 21st Street. Mr. Minotti will change the street mentioned in the ordinance and prepare the advertisement. Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise the ordinance for the next meeting. Second by Mr. Reiss.

MECAB:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Copley Borough Hall. Copley's Police Chief will be discussing cyber bullying.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Reiss asked about the status of installment payments for taxes. Mr. Feinberg responded that it was Council's decision whether or not to allow installment payments for real estate taxes. Mr. Reiss had spoken to Mrs. Klass and if the Borough allowed three installment payments the money would come in at the same time as it does now. Mr. Feinberg added that he had spoken to a representative of Official Payments Corporation regarding the acceptance of credit card payments. Ms. Lohrman supplied Official Payments with figures regarding the payments. The representative will give the Borough a proposal about costs to the residents if they use the service.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$101,076.60 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Second by Mr. Williams and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY