

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 11, 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
David Jones
Russ Lipari
David Williams

Edwinna Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

James McGowan, Bob Reiss

Also present were: Chief Steven Parkansky, Chief Michael Collins, Superintendent Greg Drake, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 28, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Curt Muschock, owner of 40 N. 21st Street, appeared before Council to discuss an electric pole at Jeffrey Field. The pole has been hit by trucks and wires have been torn down several times in the last few years. The tenants in his apartments have been without power during these times. Mr. Muschock feels that it is a hazard to the residents. The pole is owned by Met-Ed and is on Borough property. Mr. Drake will contact Met-Ed to discuss some options to make the situation safer for everyone.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Several months ago Ms. Lohrman received a phone call from retired Police Officer David Rogers concerning his eligibility to receive on COLA on his pension check. Ms. Lohrman contacted Bill Hildebrant, Borough Actuary, to discuss the matter with him. Mr. Hildebrant responded that he would have to do an actuarial study to see if he was eligible for a COLA. Ms. Lohrman was contacted by Mr. Hildebrant earlier today regarding Mr. Rogers' COLA. Former Borough Actuary, Jack Lister, had built into the actuarial assumption in the Police Pension Plan COLA's at the rate of 3%. When the COLA was not granted in the past few years, as Mr. Rogers had not been given a COLA since 2007, the Plan received an actuarial gain. As Mr. Rogers has not exceeded the current or maximum limitations of COLA, Borough Council could grant a 5% COLA considering a cost of \$200/year. Motion by Mr. Starniri to grant Mr. Rogers a 5% COLA. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that one of the firefighters was using the ladder truck today in the parking lot and found downspouts on the west side of the wall near the evidence room was putting water near where the roof has been leaking. Chief Collins suggested that it may stop some of the leaking if the water was channeled to the end of the roof instead. Mr. Drake will take a look at the downspouts on the roof in the next few days.

POLICE:

1. Mr. Starniri requested a Caucus at the end of the meeting for an update on a matter of litigation.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that he had spoken to the school district about the water reel they were using. Mr. Drake has gotten information on the reel. The information will be dispersed for the next Council meeting.
2. Mr. Drake informed Council that the first application of the fertilizer had been applied to Fisk Field.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari supplied Council with Minutes of the April 5, 2011 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The committee has put together a list of life guards. There are two new applicants. The committee feels it is in the best interest of the Borough to retain Marlowe Wacik as the Pool Manager and hire John Whilden as the Assistant Manager. Mr. Whilden is being hired under the condition that he successfully obtains his pesticide license. Mr. Drake suggested allowing Mr. Whilden to be a Tech under Mrs. Wacik's license and then get his license within the next year. Mrs. Wacik will be mentoring Mr. Whilden for the summer. Motion to hire Mrs. Wacik as the Pool Manager and Mr. Whilden as the Assistant Manager by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Jones. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Williams. Negative votes were cast by: Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri. Motion carried by a five to two vote.

A gentleman has expressed interest in running the refreshment stand this year. The committee will be meeting with him. Guidelines will be set and a contract will be signed. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that the committee also include guidelines as to who is responsible for the repair of kitchen equipment. Fees of some kind whether a rental fee or a percentage of the profits may be discussed. Mr. Feinberg felt that the Borough should be grateful if it did not have a loss for the year in the refreshment stand.

Mr. Lipari would like to decrease the rates for residents at the pool this year as there was a tax increase. Mr. Lipari would like the residents to know that the Borough realizes that times are tough. The fees for non-residents would not decrease. The proposed fees for the 2011 pool season are as follows:

	Resident	Non-Resident
Individual		
Child (5-12)	\$4.50	\$6.00
Adult (12 & up)	\$5.50	\$7.00
Senior (60+)	\$3.50	\$5.00
Passes		
Single Pass	\$80.00	\$125.00
Family Pass	\$110.00	\$155.00
Senior Pass	\$35.00	\$65.00

Motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the rates as presented. Second by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Lipari stated that the committee has also discussed the definition of what a family is. The Family pass will now be five immediate family members who domicile at the same residence. Each additional member of the family over five members could be included in the plan for an additional \$20.00 each. The new definition of a family will also be used for non-residents.

Mr. Lipari and the committee would also like to be able to perform random search of backpacks, etc. The Police will not be able to perform the search. The random searches will be posted at the door. The matter will be discussed with Mr. Minotti when he returns.

The pool may be posted the no outside food or drink will be allowed inside the pool.

The committee and pool management will be meeting with the lifeguards to discuss the expectations of their job performance. Mr. Lipari would also like to have four lifeguards sitting and one life guard walking around the pool area.

The new fee schedule will be given to Ms. Guth for the next newsletter.

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 754 – “No Parking” on S. 20th Street between Pine St. and Northampton St. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Ordinance No. 754 passed by a seven to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$124,809.58 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY