

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MAY 23, 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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russ Lipari
James McGowan	Bob Reiss
Louis Starniri	David Williams

ABSENT:

David Jones

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Superintendent Greg Drake, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 9, 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 Robert Martino requesting permission to have two "2 hour parking" signs placed on S. 17th Street from Washington Blvd. to the alley between Washington Blvd. and Lehigh Street. People are parking cars in front of his business for extended periods of time and his clients have no place to park. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to approve the signs. Mr. Corriere felt that one of the businesses next to the salon was a computer repair shop with no walk in business. Second by Mr. Lipari. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Negative votes were cast by: Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Reiss and Ms. Howey. Mayor Perruso cast a Negative vote to break the tie. Motion was defeated by a five to four vote.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to allow a one "1 hour parking" sign place in front of Robert Martino Hair Care. Second by Mr. Reiss.

2. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Police Pension Board that there would be a conference call on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Information on the call was placed in Council packets.

3. The following three bids were received for Housing Rehab project HRH10-01:

TDM Construction	\$15,500.00
Dutt Construction	\$16,550.00
Inside Out Lanscaping & Contracting	\$10,521.46

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking Application from Harold Heffner of 1625 Butler Street. Chief Parkansky has approved the request. Motion to authorize the Handicapped Parking space by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Mr. Feinberg has received a price on a Kifco T200S water reel with Nelson SR75. The CoStars price is \$8,285.00. Pricing includes delivery, set-up and training. Mr. Starniri felt that it was a good price. Motion to purchase the water reel by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Reiss.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the 24th Street bridge project is moving along. Mr. Minotti has favorably reviewed the agreement. A pre-construction meeting will be held within the next week. A Notice to Proceed will be issued at the time. Mr. Drake will be attending the meeting. Detours should be discussed. Mr. McGowan would like to attend the meeting. The construction should be completed on October 13, 2011.

3. Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Starniri and Chief Parkansky had a meeting with the three members of the Civil Service Commission last Monday evening. The Commission discussed several amendments that Council had proposed and changes to the Civil Service laws. The Commission has requested that Council approve

several amendments to the document. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to see the whole document instead of only the amendments. Ms. Lohrman responded that if Council was in favor of the amendments, Mr. Minotti will incorporate the amendments into the document and present it back to Council. Borough Council agreed in principle to the amendments.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins has received a request from the Girl Scouts to attend a Safety Day in June from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Easton High School. Palmer Township Fire Department was going to attend the event, but a scheduling conflict has arisen. Chief Collins has spoken to the Palmer Township Fire Commissioner and he has no problem if the Wilson Fire Department attends the event. Chief Collins requested Council's permission to have a volunteer attend the event for two hours with one piece of apparatus. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Reiss.

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky had received permission from Council to apply for a vest grant last year. Grant applications were not accepted at that time. Chief Parkansky would like permission to apply again this year for 15 vests. It is a matching grant. The Borough's portion of the grant would be 50%. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked where the funds would be coming from. Mr. Feinberg responded that the funds could come out of the LST money. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari would like to amend the age groups for the swimming pool admissions. Ages four years and below would be free. Ages five to 17 with school ID would be children. Adults would be 18 years to 59 years. Seniors would be 60 years and older. Mr. Reiss would like the children's classification to be up to high school age in case the student is 18 or older. Motion to approve request with Mr. Reiss' clarification by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Reiss.

2. Mr. Reiss stated that the Borough's contribution to the Recreation Board has been requested. Mr. Reiss would like to hold off payment until Council receives the latest Treasurer's Report. Mr. Reiss feels that Recreation Board has too much money. A resident of the Borough informed Mr. Reiss that it cost \$175.00 to register two children to play baseball. Mr. Reiss would like Recreation Board to spend what money they have before any other funds are given to them. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer emphatically denied that Recreation Board does not spend its money. Motion by Mr. Reiss to hold the check to the Recreation Board until Council receives a Treasurer's Report. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Reiss, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Negative votes were cast by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a six to two vote. Mr. McGowan inquired as to why Council had to continue to discuss Rec Board matters at Council meetings. Mr. Starniri responded that Council and the school board contribute funds to the Rec Board and they have a right to know where the funds are going.

ATTORNEY:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received an update of local limits for the Industrial Pretreatment Program from the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority. Ms. Lohrman has forwarded the information to Mr. Minotti and a copy of the latest ordinance. Mr. Minotti will prepare a draft ordinance with the changes and return it to Council for review.

2. Mr. Minotti has prepared an Agreement of Sale between the Township of Palmer and the Borough of Wilson for the purchase of a parcel of land in the southern end of Wilson Borough and West Easton. The Borough would like the land in order to make a bike path and a possible recreation area. Ms. Lohrman asked if Council had any questions on the agreement. No questions were received.

3. Mr. Minotti has tentatively scheduled the Assise hearing on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be private. Mr. Minotti still has not received confirmation from Mr. Assise's attorney whether or not the date and time are agreeable. Ms. Lohrman will place a notice on the top of information in Council's next packet about the hearing. Mr. Minotti will be speaking to Tom Walters about serving as a special prosecutor for the hearing. Mr. Minotti does not feel comfortable being a prosecutor and offering legal advice to the Borough at the same time.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan reminded Council that the MECAB tour would begin at America on Wheels. The tour will end at 5:00 p.m. at Coca-Cola Park. Box seats are available for \$30.00. Food will be included. Anyone interested was asked to see Mr. McGowan.

COG:

1. Two Rivers COG will meet on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in Wilson Borough Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired whether Council wanted to take over the funds of the Wilson Recreation Board. Ms. Lohrman would then be responsible to pay their bills. Mr. McGowan responded that was absolutely not what Council wanted. Mr. Reiss stated that he was only interested in getting the Recreation Board's Minutes and Treasurer's Reports.

2. Mr. Lipari would like Council to display some level of civility at Council meetings instead of acting like kids on the playground.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1178 – Appointing and Designating a Liaison between It and Northampton Tax Collection Committee and It's Tax officer for the Express Purpose of Sharing Confidential Tax Information with the Borough of Wilson for Official Purposes. Motion to approve Resolution 1178 by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$217,878.31, minus the check for the Wilson Area Recreation Board which was placed on hold, were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Second by Mr. Williams and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY