

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNE 13, 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  
James McGowan

Edwinna Howey  
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer  
David Williams

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari, Bob Reiss, Louis Starniri

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Superintendent Greg Drake, Chief Steven Parkansky, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere (late)

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 23, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Joseph Martino, Jr., owner of a business located at 219 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, appeared before Council to discuss the parking limit sign that was placed in front of his business. The sign is located 45 feet from the alley. Two tenants living near his business continue to park in front of his business. Mr. Martino would like to have signs placed like they are on Washington Blvd. where there are parking limits between the signs. With only one sign, it is unclear where the parking limits are located. Council approved only one spot for Mr. Martino's business. Chief Parkansky suggested painting lines where the spot is to be located. Mr. Martino stated that sometimes he has seven customers in his shop at one time. Mayor Perruso responded that he often drives through S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street and there is available parking across the street. Mr. Feinberg requested that Mr. Drake paint lines where the spot is located and see if they help the parking situation.

Mr. Martino had attended a Council meeting several weeks ago about allowing credit card payments for real estate taxes. Mr. Minotti responded that he reviewing an agreement with Official Payments. Mr. Minotti hopes to complete is review shortly.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Heather Flank of 2147 Hay Street requesting permission to close the 2100 block of Hay Street on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the request. Second by Mr. Jones.

2. A letter was received from Janel Pausner of Fairview Avenue requesting permission to close the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue on Monday, July 4, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the request. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky reported that Ms. Lohrman had reviewed Borough Ordinances back to 1956 and did not find any pertaining to "No Parking" on the east side of N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Drake looked at the street and would like to Council to consider adopting an Ordinance that would prohibit parking on the east side of N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Northampton Street to Liberty Street. Mr. Drake will get the metes and bounds for Mr. Minotti.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti informed Council that Mr. Assise was unable to make it tonight for the hearing. A special prosecutor will be appointed to assist Chief Parkansky. The hearing will be held in July or August. The hearing will be private. The special prosecutor will contact Chief Parkansky shortly.

2. Mr. Minotti inquired whether the work had begun on the Fisk Field project. Ms. Lohrman responded that the foundation was to be poured tomorrow.

3. Mr. Minotti has received a letter from Ted Lewis regarding the escrow funds being held on a property on S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The Borough continues to hold the escrow funds even though the property is secured. Mr. Minotti has previously given his opinion to Council. The Borough does not have to wait until repairs are made before releasing the funds. Mr. Minotti has spoken to the Easton Solicitor and he agrees with Mr. Minotti. Mr. Feinberg responded that Chief Collins had polled 33 municipalities all over the Commonwealth and all the responses were that the municipalities hold the escrow funds until the property is repaired and a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Mr. Corriere added that it has always been past practice to hold the funds until the CO is issued. Mr. Minotti would like to review the responses that Chief Collins has received.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the recent MECAB tour included visits to Egypt, Coplay, Hokendauqua and the Iron Pigs. MECAB is now off for the summer.

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there will be a Northampton County COG meeting in Bushkill Township, tomorrow, June 14, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that there were two fight incidents in the Borough during the recent fair week. There was also an electrocution at the fair. Two people are still in the hospital. Mr. Feinberg was at the park this morning and no one cleaned up the surrounding area. Mr. Feinberg suggested that the fair should move. It is no longer a Borough event and the residents should not have to put up with the inconvenience that the fair brings. There is also the possibility of a lawsuit as a result of the electrocutions. The owner of the rides called the state and they performed an inspection of the rides. The Borough also had completed an inspection of the fair. One trailer was deemed unsafe and another was questionable. The electric was disconnected to the questionable trailer. The other trailer was removed from the site. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to send the Lions a letter and inform them that they need to find another venue for the fair. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan and Ms. Howey. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Jones and Mr. Williams. Motion was approved by a four to two vote.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 755 – Re-Enacting, Restating and Amending the EIT Ordinance. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Ms. Howey and Mr. Williams.

No Negative votes were cast. Ordinance 755 passed by a six to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$128,606.61 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY