

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 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	Edwinna Howey
David Jones	Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan	Bob Reiss
Louis Starniri	David Williams

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Attorney Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Superintendent Greg Drake, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Code Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 27, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Joseph Martino, Jr. appeared before Council to discuss the payment of taxes with a credit card. Mr. Martino stated that Council should do your job. Mr. Feinberg replied that the Borough Solicitor was working on it and the contract was in the process of being signed. Credit card processing should be available in a few weeks.
2. Police Officer Christian Meehan and Canine Sirok were presented an award by Mayor Perruso for their fine work over the last few years. Sirok retired from the Police Department on May 1, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. St. Janes Francis de Chantal School requested permission to close the alleyway between 19th Street and 20th Street behind the school for the one mile run which is part of the President's Physical Fitness Test. The dates requested are: August 30, 2011, August 31, 2011, September 1, 2011, September 6, 2011, September 7, 2011, September 8, 2011, September 13, 2011, September 14, 2011 and September 15, 2011. The ends of the course are marked by a cone with an individual to move the cone for local traffic. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Reiss, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. Feinberg. Motion was carried by a seven to one vote.
2. A letter was received from Mary Meuser Memorial Library requesting permission to close N. 18th Street from Northampton Street to the alley on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sale and related items will be held on the library grounds. The closure of the street is requested for safety purposes. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough has a certificate of deposit coming due at Merchants Bank on July 26, 2011. The term was for 16 months and the original principle amount was for \$438,598.69. Motion to authorize Ms. Lohrman to obtain renewal rates for the certificate from financial institutions by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.
2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the parents of a 17 year old Wilson High School senior has approached her about her son performing 40 hours of community service. Mr. Drake has indicated that he can use additional help cutting grass. His department has previously had people perform community service in his department. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow the student to perform community service in the Public Works Department. Second by Mr. Williams.
3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the municipal building has been without power four or five

times in the last two weeks. There have been problems with the server not rebooting. There are no lights on the first floor except for emergency lighting in Council Chambers and the hallway. None of the offices upstairs have lights or any power to the outlets. When the power went out on Friday afternoon, the phone system went out. The building does not have telephone service in any department when there is no electricity. Ms. Lohrman asked Council to consider getting a new generator that would provide additional power to the building. The matter has been discussed previously, but the Borough had not been approved for a grant to purchase one. Mr. Feinberg had spoken to a firm about putting a natural gas generator in the building. The firm felt that gas was a better alternative than diesel as diesel fuel must be heated in the winter. The cost of the generator would be approximately \$110,000.00. Ms. Lohrman added that the funds could come out of the LST account. Ms. Lohrman was requested to get a more accurate figure for the next meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg stated that Council needed a Sewer Board to decide appeals on delinquent sewer accounts. An ordinance permits a three member Sewer Board to be appointed by the Council President consisting of one person from each ward. Mr. Feinberg appointed Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri to join him on the Board. Mr. Minotti is in the process of reviewing recent amendments to the law concerning sewerage accounts. The process may be judicial in nature. Mr. Minotti will report back to Council on how to proceed with the due process hearing on the delinquent sewer account.

2. Mr. Drake will be meeting with the Arborist from Easton tomorrow. He will see if the Arborist is willing to serve Wilson and how much the services cost. If there is time available, Mr. Drake will have the Arborist check the condition of the tree on Fairview Avenue.

3. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the work on the bridge continues.

4. Mr. Feinberg also informed Council that the second floor of the concession stand is in the process of being completed and the roof will soon be on. Mr. Drake will be taking care of the softball infield at Fisk Field. He will remove the silt fences and treat the field. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about signage. Mr. Drake responded that signs already been made as per the required specifications of the grants received for the field. Mr. Jones added that baseball is working with Pepsi on a obtaining a scoreboard. The name of the field will also be placed on the scoreboard.

5. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the weeds in the gutters throughout the Borough. Mr. Drake

responded that his department will be out spraying the gutters shortly. There must be three days without rain after the gutters are sprayed. The sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$419,268.45 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY