

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JULY 25, 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	James McGowan
Bob Reiss	Louis Starniri
David Williams	

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 11, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Barry Willever of 932 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street informed Council that there had been a problem with his neighbor that had been running a rescue shelter in his home. The neighbor had 15 dogs and numerous cats in the house. The matter has now been taken care of. The yards in the Borough are so small, Council should consider limiting the number of animals in a household to possibly two dogs and a given number of cats. Mr. Feinberg responded that Council review present ordinances.

An unidentified woman responded that she owned six dogs and she was not getting rid of them. She will sue Council instead.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- Four sealed bids were received for Housing Rehab project HRH10-02. They are as follows:

Davis Contracting and Remodeling	\$26,575.00
Williamson Home Improvements	\$24,737.00
C.E.B. LLC	\$39,453.00
TDM Construction	\$32,500.00
- Five sealed bids were received from Housing Rehab project HRH10-04. They are as follows:

Davis Contracting and Remodeling	\$8,000.00
Williamson Home Improvements	\$6,940.00
C.E.B. LLC	\$10,525.00
TDM Construction	\$6,650.00
Dutt Construction	\$9,800.00

Ms. Lohrman will submit the bids for both projects to Mr. Corriere for the Housing Rehab committee for review.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received a letter of interest from someone who would like to be appointed to Rec Board. The deadline for letters of interest was July 8, 2011. Council agreed that the letter was too late to be considered. Rec Board will decide if they wish to readvertise the position.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that TRCOG had voted in concept to build a skateboard park at Lower Hacketts Park. The participants in the proposed project would be Easton, Palmer, Forks and Wilson. The Borough's contribution would be \$19,000.00. The amount of each municipality's contribution would be based on population. Mayor Perruso inquired if Council would be interested in participating in building the park. The Borough has been having a problem with skateboards for a long time. The City of Easton would take all the liability. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the Borough had discussed the matter in the past and hoped that the Borough would have the funds to follow through. Mr. McGowan questioned whether Easton would really have all the liability. Mr. Minotti stated that all the park users would have to have badges. Mayor Perruso felt that the project would not proceed if any of the municipalities backed out. Motion by Mr. Reiss to look into the matter further. Second by Mrs. Lilly-

Kemmerer. Mr. Feinberg suggested using future CDBG funds for the project. Mr. Minotti does not need permission to review agreements as the groundwork for the project must be done first.

2. Mayor Perruso inquired about putting a full-time detective on duty. Mr. Minotti had other issues about the collective bargaining unit and the position. Mayor Perruso responded that another municipality had moved a full-time officer up to the same assignment. Mr. Starniri added that several Council members had met with the bargaining unit regarding a full-time police department. Mr. Feinberg stated that they were looking for additional information on how other departments made the transition. Mr. Jones stated that taxes were increased in order to move the department into a full-time department. Mr. Starniri felt that Council should proceed. Mr. Minotti would like to study the matter a little more before Council establishes the position. A discussion occurred on what the detective would be doing. Chief Parkansky responded that the contract has already been amended to include a full-time detective. The salary would be the same as a full-time patrolman's plus \$2,000.00. The hours would be flexible and the position would no be considered a promotion. Motion by Mr. Starniri to establish the position. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Reiss, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Mr. McGowan cast a Negative vote. Motion carried by an eight to one vote. Mr. McGowan stated that he did not see the funds in the budget for the position. Chief Parkansky responded that it was included in the full-time police officer's salary line item.

3. Chief Parkansky informed Council that a local organization wished to donate a segway to the Police Department. Mike Tirrell from the Wilson Republican Club contacted Chief Parkansky regarding the segway. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept the donation. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Ms. Lohrman will send a thank you letter to the Republican Club.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman presented rates from local financial institutions for a certificate of deposit that matures July 26, 2011. Mr. Lipari questioned why all the rates were from nearby banks. Mr. Feinberg responded that the local banks allow the Borough to withdraw funds without a penalty as long as the Borough was not taking to funds to invest at a higher rate. The local banks also support local businesses and give back to the community. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to reinvest the funds at Merchants Bank of Bangor for 30 months at a rate of 1.29%. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that he had been contacted by the Warren County 911 Center regarding them adding a frequency that was close to Wilson's old frequency. Chief Collins stated that he had talked to TuWay Communications about the matter. If Warren County added the frequency and there was a problem with Wilson's frequency, Warren County would have to fix the problem. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow Warren County to add the frequency. Second by Mr. Reiss.

##### POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky informed Council that National Night Out would be held on August 2, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Meuser Park.

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

None

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

##### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has received a phone call from Tony Caputo. He would like to hold the Assise hearing on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The hearing would be private. Mr. Minotti will represent the Borough and Attorney Tom Walters would act as the Special Prosecutor.

2. Mr. Minotti has completed his research on the water shut-off matter. The notices that the Borough is using are fine. If a dispute occurs and an affidavit is filed, the outcome will be judicially determined. Mr. Minotti has not found a case that had been tried. Mr. Minotti suggests that the Borough file a municipal claim and if the defendant wishes to defend his claim, it would be heard by the court. Mr. Minotti will contact Ms. Lohrman for the information on the resident who filed the affidavit so he can file the municipal claim.

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that Council had previously discussed Mr. Drake doing some work at the Fisk Field refreshment once the interior lay-out is completed. Mr. Reiss inquired about if moving the stair to the east side of the building would cause a problem with the door to the first floor. Mr. Feinberg responded that it would not cause a problem. CodeMaster is doing the inspections on the restrooms and the refreshment stands. No Council members objected to the Public Works Department working on the Fisk Field facility.

2. Mr. Lipari asked Council if the Lions Fair was a dead issue. Mr. McGowan responded that the matter was already discussed twice and it needn't be brought up again. Mayor Perruso would like to see Council and the Lions hold a meeting to discuss the matter. Mr. Jones has other ideas of what the Lions could do to raise funds if the fair was no longer held. Mr. Lipari responded that people had approached him and he wanted to know how to respond.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 756 – Adopting the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority Pretreatment Program Policy. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Reiss, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. No Negative votes were received. Ordinance 756 was adopted by a nine to zero vote.

2. Ordinance 757 – No Parking on N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Northampton Street to Liberty Street. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Reiss, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. No Negative votes were received. Ordinance 757 was adopted by a nine to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$277,653.65 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY