

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 12, 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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russ Lipari
James McGowan	Louis Starniri
David Williams	

ABSENT:

David Jones, Bob Reiss

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 22, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had contacted Dee Rumsey from Northampton County concerning Tony Verenna's offer on behalf of the school district, the use of the LINC center for voting in November. Ms. Lohrman received an email from Ms. Rumsey stating that the county had a contract with the Borough for the use of the community center for the year. Ms. Rumsey will contact Mr. Verenna after the election has been certified to view the possible new location for use in 2012.

2. Four bids were received for Housing Rehabilitation project number HRH10-06. They are as follows:

Williams Home Improvements	\$15,240.00
S.J. Sawyer, Inc.	\$10,990.00
TDM Construction	\$15,100.00
C.E.B. LLC	\$13,750.00

Ms Lohrman will forward the bids on to Mr. Corriere for review with the Housing Rehab committee.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request for Handicapped Parking from Elizabeth Creveling of 1604 Liberty Street. Chief Parkansky has verified that all criteria has been met. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Auditor General's office had been at the Borough to perform the Pension Audit for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Four items were found on the Police Plan that needed to be brought up to date. The first item is the Killed in the Line of Duty ordinance. The Commonwealth is now covering the officers. Ms. Lohrman has supplied Mr. Minotti with a copy of the finding, information from the actuary and a copy of the ordinance. Mr. Minotti will bring the information back to Council. The Borough's actuary has been requested to assist Ms. Lohrman in making the Act 205 report consistent with the plan's governing document. The Borough had fulfilled most of the requirements of Act 44 of 2009. However, the Borough needs to adopt a written procedure regarding the procurement of professional services. Ms. Lohrman prepared a document for Council to review using a template from PSAB. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adopt the policy as presented. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Lastly, Ms. Lohrman will be contacting the Police pensioners at least once a year to check on their benefits.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the department heads had received their budget packets for the 2012 budget. Initial budget requests are due back to Ms. Lohrman on October 5, 2011.

3. Ms. Lohrman has prepared the three 2012 MMOs for the pension plans. The Firemen Plan MMO

is \$4,644.00. The Non-Uniform MMO is \$36,631.00. The Police Pension MMO is \$71,738.54. The figures will be used in preparing for the 2012 budget.

4. Ms. Lohrman reported that the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College from October 21, 2011 to October 23, 2011. Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Mayor Perruso will be attending with their wives. Ms. Lohrman will be making the appropriate reservations.

5. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Chief Parkansky had gotten water in his office during the hurricane. When Mr. Drake opened up the wall, he found mold behind the wall. A mold remediation company was contacted along with a company to test the air quality before and after the mold is removed. Mr. Drake and the Public Works department will redo the office once the mold is removed. Mr. Drake also moved two down spouts that rerouted water into the storm drains in the parking lot.

6. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she would be on vacation from September 19, 2011 through September 27, 2011. Anyone needing any information or anything done should speak to her prior to September 22, 2011.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that there had been a ceremony yesterday at Scott Park commemorating Police, Fire and EMS personnel. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to the Police and Fire Departments from the City of Easton. Most of the municipalities were in attendance.

2. Chief Collins informed Council that all the threads had been changed on the new hose. 75 sections of the old hose remains. It is not serviceable. Some of the hose was purchased in 1968 and was only to be good for 10 to 15 years. Easton Suburban Water Company and Williams Township Fire Company are interested in obtaining some of the old hose. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow Chief Collins to use his discretion to distributing the old hose to people who are interested in using it. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan has not received information on the first meeting for MECAB this fall.

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan attended the PACOG meeting at Seven Springs over the weekend. Several new products are due out shortly. Mr. McGowan was fortunate to be able to attend the ceremony at Swanksville.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman reported that Mr. Corriere and Chief Collins had taken a look at the house on Edelman Street that had been damaged by fire. The house is 50% to 60% completed. Mr. Corriere stated that the rough wiring and rough plumbing were in, some of the insulation and sheet rock has been put up. Chief Collins is willing to release 60% of the funds to the property owner. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to

release 60% of the funds. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman or Mr. Minotti will contact Attorney Lewis on Council's decision.

2. Mr. Starniri inquired about the status of the generator. Mr. Feinberg responded that the engineer was here today. He was checking the load on the panel and looking at some of the wiring. The engineer will be talking to the gas company about the flow of the natural gas. Mr. Feinberg anticipates that the project will be bid out in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1180 – Adoption of Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Wilson Borough Civil Service Commission. The rules have already been approved by the Civil Service Commission. Motion to approve Resolution 1180 by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Resolution 1181 – Community Development Block Grant Assurances and Special Conditions for Engineering Services. Motion to approve Resolution 1181 by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$275,198.36 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Second by Mr. Williams and Council concurred.
Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY