

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 10, 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
Russ Lipari

Edwinna Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
David Williams

ABSENT:

James McGowan, Bob Reiss, Louis Starniri

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 September 20, 2011 Workshop and the September 26, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Millie from New Eastwood appeared before Council to seek additional approvals for the fall festival they will be sponsoring at Meuser Park on October 22, 2011. New Eastwood would like to sell food at the festival. Vendors will supply their own electricity through generators. Appropriate licenses have been obtained. The Borough's Health Inspector will have to inspect the food booths prior to opening. The vendor would like to have a bouncer. Ms. Lohrman responded that the Borough's insurance company will not allow the bouncer. Insurance has already been provided for the festival. Proceeds will go to Lehigh Valley Breast Cancer Awareness. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the selling of food at the festival. Second by Mr. Jones.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter has been received from Cindy Rosenkranz requesting appointment to a vacant seat on the Wilson Recreation Board. Letters of interest were due last week. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Cindy Rosenkranz to the Wilson Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Lipari.

2. Ms. Lohrman acknowledged the receipt of a letter regarding The Miracle League of Northampton County. The organization will be launching it's Capital Campaign to build a Miracle League field in Northampton County. Ms. Lohrman suggested discussing the matter at a budget meeting.

3. Two bids were received for Housing Rehab project HRH10-05. They are as follows:

Scott Williamson	\$24,558.00
TDM Construction	\$32,500.00

The bids will be forwarded to Mr. Corriere for review with the Housing Rehab committee.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso reminded Council that they had previously voted to put a full-time detective on the police force. Chief Parkansky recommended Christian Meehan for the position. Chief Parkansky would like to start Officer Meehan as a detective in two or three weeks. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to make Christian Meehan a full-time detective. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

2. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the Borough's website is outdated. The program used to run the website is not really compatible with the other programs the Borough is utilizing. The original person who started the website has not been assisting the Borough in several years. Mr. Feinberg has spoken to Enter.net about the Borough's website. Enter.net can redo the website for \$950.00. The annual fee with Enter.net is about the same as it is with the company the Borough is now using. Motion to approve request to use Enter.net by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari. Mr. Minotti inquired about the status of credit card payments. Ms. Lohrman responded that the Borough just received a Welcome Packet and the system should be up and running soon. Mr. Feinberg added that something will be put on the website about the new service.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti provided an update on the Labar matter. The District Court through out the claim. Aspen Insurance was the Borough's insurance carrier for the Police Liability Police and Praetorian was the carrier for the automobile insurance at the time of the incident. Praetorian was providing coverage for the Borough on the Labar matter. Aspen denied the Borough coverage. Mr. Minotti felt that certain claims by the plaintiff were not automotive related. Judge Stengel ruled against the Borough on insurance coverage matter. Mr. Minotti filed an appeal on Judge Stengel's decision. While the matter was in mediation, Judge Stengel through out the Labar claims. The Borough withdrew the appeal after Aspen Insurance offered to contribute \$15,000.00. Mr. Minotti requested Council's permission to have Mr. Feinberg execute the release forms. Mr. Minotti is attempting to get the \$400.00 filing fee returned to the Borough. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to permit Mr. Feinberg to execute the release forms. Second by Mr. Williams.

Chief Parkansky informed Council that since his hiring, he has updated the Pursuit Policy and has conducted semi-annual training on the policy. Chief Parkansky feels that the new policy should reduce the possibility of this type of claim from happening again.

MECAB:

1. Mr. Feinberg is hoping there will be a MECAB update at the next Council meeting.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg reminded Council to give Ms. Lohrman an requests for the meeting with the Lions next week. Ms. Lohrman has received one item.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$92,324.57 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Jones made a Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY