

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
DECEMBER 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	David Williams

ABSENT:

David Jones, Bob Reiss, Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 28, 2011 Budget meeting and the November 28, 2011 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Williams.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso recently attended a meeting at the Chrin Community Center regarding the development of a Miracle League field. The meeting was very emotional. The group is requesting local recreation boards to consider contributing money to the project. The field would be used for handicapped children including those from Wilson Borough. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that Mayor Perruso speak to the Wilson Recreation Board at their January 2012 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has prepared the revised budget for Council's review. The budget has been advertised and is ready for Council's enactment. Mr. Drake clarified that part of the funds designated for Fisk Field is for the parking lot to be repaved. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like the shed moved when the lot is paved as any additional spaces would help the limited parking. Mr. Drake will try to move the shed closer to the field. Mayor Perruso would like to fill in the reed area to create additional parking. Several Council members thought that the DEP and the Northampton County Conservation District would prohibit the construction of additional parking because the area is a potential wetlands. Mr. Lipari inquired about the scoreboard. Mr. Drake responded that someone else was looking into the matter. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that the football association had been working on it. Mr. Drake stated that part of the \$21,000.00 in the Park maintenance line item was to redo the tennis courts. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the countertop and the cabinets in the refreshment stand at Fisk Field. Mr. Drake will contact Mr. Jones. Mr. Drake felt that there was enough money in the budget to repave the lot at Fisk Field, put in the countertop and cabinets in the refreshment stand and do the tennis courts. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to adopt the 2012 budget. Second by Mr. Lipari. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Ms. Howey and Mr. Williams. No Negative votes were cast. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer abstained from voting. Motion carried by a five to zero vote with one abstention.

2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the findings of the recent actuarial study to determine if the plan would be adversely effected by issuing COLA's to two retired officers. Beyer-Barber has determined that the Borough may grant the January 1, 2012 COLA without an adverse effecting the funding of the pension plan. The new COLA for Richard Nace would increase his payment to \$3,616.38 per month and David Rogers would increase to \$885.20 per month. Motion to approve the COLA's by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

3. Ms. Lohrman asked Council if they wished to have a Council meeting on December 26, 2011 now that the budget was passed. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to cancel the December 26, 2011 meeting. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Ms. Lohrman was given permission to pay bills for the year end.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Reorganization Meeting should be held on January 3, 2012. Mr. Feinberg set the meeting for 6:00 p.m. Ms. Lohrman has received the Election Certification forms from the County.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that Chief Collins would like to hire Richard MoDavis as a part-time fire fighter. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to hire Mr. MoDavis. Second by Mr. Lipari.

2. Chief Collins explained to Council that a recent inspection from PA L&I on the compressor in the boiler room found several deficiencies. Che Mechanical looked at the compressor and provided an estimate for \$850.00 to fix the problems. Chief Collins felt the Borough could purchase a new compressor for between \$400.00 and \$500.00. The Fire Department uses the compressor on brakes on the old truck, refilling the water fire extinguishers and filling the tires on the fire trucks. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to remedy the matter in the least costly manner. Second by Mr. Williams.

3. Chief Collins informed Council that the department would like permission to build a nine by twelve room in which the department could work on their air packs. The department currently is using the kitchen table to do the work. Someone in the department has the ability to make a construction drawing and two of the firefighters are willing to build the room. Chief Collins will come back to Council with a construction price.

4. Chief Collins requested a Caucus.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari would like to meet with Ms. Lohrman regarding advertising for the Pool Manager and Assistant Manager positions. The names of the new staff members will be brought back to Council for approval.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a matter of litigation.

MECAB:

None

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there would be a COG meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in Hellertown.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Corriere pointed out to Council that Wilson has one of the lowest license fees for plumbers. Mr. Corriere reviewed a recent survey he had conducted. Mr. Corriere suggested the Master License fee to be \$40.00 per year. The Journeyman License fee should be increased to \$30.00 per year and the Apprentice fee should be \$15.00. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to prepare a Resolution for the next meeting so Council could enact the new fees. Second by Mr. Williams.

2. Mr. Corriere proposed having the Planning Commission meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month and the Zoning meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The change would enable both meeting to occur in the same month, without a delay of four to six weeks. Motion by approve request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

3. Mr. Corriere requested a Caucus.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1184 – 2012 Salaries, Wages, Sick Leave, Vacation, Holidays. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Ms. Howey and Mr. Williams. No Negative votes were cast. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer abstained from voting. Resolution 1184 was passed by a five to zero vote with one abstention.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$128,495.70 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Second by Mr. Williams and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY