

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 23, 2012

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
David Jones
James McGowan
David Williams

Edwinna Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari, Bob Reiss

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Chief Steven Parkansky, Superintendent Greg Drake, Chief Michael Collins

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Williams.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Merle Grollman submitting Joe Grollman's resignation from the Mary Meuser Library Board. Motion to accept the resignation of Joe Grollman from the Library Board by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.
2. A letter was received from Michael Ivenz expressing interest in serving on the Mary Meuser Library Board. Motion to appoint Mr. Ivenz to the Library Board by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Henry Casella of King Henry and the Showman has requested that in the event of a rainout his group be paid ½ of their normal \$600.00 fee if he reserves a date. It has not been Council's policy to pay a deposit for concerts or for rainouts. Mayor Perruso would hate to lose the group as they are very popular. Mayor Perruso suggested that the event be moved indoors in the event of rain. Ms. Lohrman will suggest that Mr. Redington contact the school district to see if they could use the auditorium in case of bad weather. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to deny the request to pay ½ of the normal fee in case of a rainout. Second by Mr. Feinberg.
2. Mr. Feinberg spoke to Arbor Fence after the last Council meeting concerning the installation of a fence around the 24th Street bridge. A quote of \$2,770.00 was received. Mr. Starniri felt that it was a good quote and made a Motion to accept the quote. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins has gotten figures together for the room the department would like to build in order to have a clean area to work on their breathing apparatus. The work would be completed by two members of the department. It is estimated that the building materials would cost approximately \$850.00. Chief Collins is willing to wait until the cash flow has improved in the early spring to begin the project.

2. Chief Collins has received a quote for \$220.00 for resuscitation equipment for pets. The only place Chief Collins could find that would train the staff was Wright's Animal Hospital. It would cost \$65.00 per person for training. Chief Collins could not find anyone who would "train a trainer". Mr. Drake offered to see if he could find someone who could train the staff. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to purchase the equipment and look into the training. The funds to pay for the equipment could come from the LST account. Mr. Feinberg suggested checking with Valley Central Animal Hospital.

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky informed Council that he spoke to PennDot about the numerous accidents that have been occurring at Hackett and Wood Avenues. PennDot engineers agree that there is a problem at the intersection and will be looking into finding a solution. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested Chief Parkansky inform PennDot that there will be even more traffic in the area when Fisk Field opens for various sporting events. Chief Parkansky will make PennDot aware of the situation.

2. Chief Parkansky is working with Mr. Drake on problems that are occurring on Alder Street with residents littering on the bike path. Chief Parkansky will be sending out letters informing the residents of the penalties of littering. Letters will also be sent to the residents on Fourth Street. Mr. Drake has documented with pictures of the properties along the bike path.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones met with Mr. Drake about the condition of two of the dump trucks. Mr. Drake can purchase dump trucks from Milham for \$44,800 per truck under COSTARS. The cost with a trade in could be \$35,728.00 each. Mr. Drake has enough funds in the equipment portion of Liquid Fuels to purchase two trucks. The trucks would have a white cab and a black dump body. Mr. Drake feels that he needs the dump trucks more than the bobcat. The trucks that he would like to trade in are 19 and 25 years old. Mr. Drake has spoken to Charlie Paris, the Borough's Municipal Rep with PennDot. Mr. Paris approved Mr. Drake's request. Mr. McGowan stated that he did not feel that Mr. Drake needed new trucks. Motion by Mr. Jones to authorize the purchase of two new dump trucks using Liquid Fuel funds. Second by Ms. Howey. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Mr. McGowan cast a Negative vote. Motion carried by six to one vote.

Mr. Drake is looking into getting a grant for a new street sweeper that would not require any matching funds.

2. Mr. Jones has met with Mr. Drake about the work to be completed in the concession stand. They are working on a layout for the inside of the building and equipment that is needed. Giant may donate a scoreboard for the field.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti acknowledged receiving a draft of a policy from Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority concerning maintenance, repairs and replacement of common use facilities. Mr. Minotti has received comments from the Borough Engineer on the proposed policy. Mr. McGowan stated that before Council considers the document, it should be determined what a common use facility is. Mr. Minotti will discuss the matter with Mr. McGowan prior it coming back to Council.

Mr. Feinberg stated that EAJSA was discussing the possibility of combining the numerous agreements into one agreement. Mr. McGowan stated that nothing has happened with the agreements.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting will be held the end the February in Stroudsburg.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that Ms. Lohrman and he had met with Dave Hopkins from the City of Easton and representatives from URDC concerning a rails to trails project. The Commonwealth has funds available to do the bike path on the property that the Borough had received from Palmer Township. The bike path would be completed from Riverview Park to and connect through Hugh Moore Park on the canal path. Mr. Minotti will be recording the deed on the property tomorrow. Mr. Minotti has spoken to Attorney Murphy, Easton Solicitor, concerning possible reversionary rights the Firmstone family might have to the property. The Borough and the City may have to file a Quiet Title prior to the bike path construction. Mr. Minotti is confident that the matter can be worked out. The design, engineering and construction could be paid from grant funds. The only cost to the Borough would be any legal fees incurred in securing the property.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$327,671.31 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY