

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 13, 2012

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
David Williams

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss, Louis Starniri

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Superintendent Greg Drake, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 23, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Kathleen Lenert of 1608 Northampton Street expressed her concern on the number of accidents that are occurring at the intersection of S. 17th and Northampton Streets. It is very difficult to see around the building and the cars in front of the building when turning east onto Northampton Street. The “no parking” sign is white washed. Ms. Lenert requested Council to consider additional no parking on the south side of Northampton Street near S. 17th Street. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Drake will look into the matter.

2. Joe Sipel, Wilson Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, appeared before Council to discuss NIMS training. Information on the program was included in Council packets. Anyone from Council who has not had the NIMS training will need to do it. The training can be done on-line and is 100% easier to do than it was previously. If anyone needs assistance, they were asked to contact Mr. Sipel. Ms. Lohrman will need the certificates after the training is completed. The federal government and the Commonwealth may withhold grant funds if the certifications are not completed.

3. Agnes Harling of 2143 Hay Street asked Council when they were going to clean up the Borough. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer replied that the street sweeper was broken. In particular, Mrs. Harling complained about the paper cups, plastic bottles and other trash being thrown on Freemansburg Avenue. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that the homeowners should help keep their properties clean. Many of the properties are rental units and the tenants are not interested keeping their properties clean. Mrs. Harling also complained about trucks pulling up on curbs.

4. Curt Muschock who owns a 9 unit apartment building at 40 N. 21st Street explained a problem he was having with a neighbor who has a wood burning stove. Smoke is being blown into the apartments and the tenants are having problems breathing. Mr. Muschock also feels that it is a fire hazard. Mr. Corriere replied that he was aware of the complaint and he has taken a look at the stove and the chimney. The stove has been installed per manufactures specifications and the chimney meets code requirements. Mr. Corriere stated that Mr. Muschock has had other issues with the property. The building should never have been allowed to be built. Mr. Corriere stated that Mr. Muschock’s complaint is a civil matter. Mr. Muschock responded that the wood burner was against the zoning ordinance and he was told to file a Police report. Mr. Jones stated that the problem could be with the type of wood that was being burnt or if the wood was wet. Mr. Feinberg added that smoke from wood burning stoves were a common problem in municipalities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman acknowledged a letter from H. Scott Everett, D&L Trail Manager, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc., concerning a recent meeting to discuss the connection of the Wilson portion of the Palmer Trail into the D&L Trail at High Moore Park. Funding is available by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources while the construction funding is being provided by PennDot. A formal request is being made for the Borough to provide the Title Certification for the parcel in this section the upcoming trail project. Mr. Minotti has been working with the Attorney Murphy on providing the certification.

2. A letter was received from Bob Fiorese of 838 Louis Street requesting Council to consider his

appointment to an open seat on the Wilson Recreation Board. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested the appointment be tabled until the matter is discussed at the Rec Board meeting this weekend. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to make sure everyone has an opportunity to apply.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received an email about having an officer present at Wilson Elementary School at the opening and dismissal of the school day. Police are visible along the school route, but not on site. Chief Parkansky responded that he is trying to work with the Superintendent about the traffic problems at the school. One solution may be to have a drop off zone on Washington Blvd. and no other parking available on the street. There are too many cars around the school during the day for extended periods of time.
2. Chief Parkansky has received a letter from Barry Worman. He considers himself retired. Officer Worman has returned his equipment.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough has a certificate of deposit maturing on March 2, 2012. The original amount of the certificate was \$800,000.00 and for a term of 23 months. Ms. Lohrman will supply Council with rates at the next Council meeting.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received the information of the annual PSAB conference from April 29, 2012 to May 2, 2012 at Seven Springs. Ms. Lohrman would like to make reservations shortly. Mr. McGowan is interested in attending.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received a request from the baseball association to use Jeffrey and Fisk fields. The association wishes to use the field seven days a week beginning April 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ms. Lohrman had been instructed by Council that the sport that was in season had preference on the use of the fields. Ms. Lohrman had spoken to Jodi Brunstetter, Wilson Baseball Secretary, and informed her that football would be using the field in the fall. Ms. Brunstetter requested that Ms. Lohrman should let her know when football would be using the field and they would work around it. Ms. Lohrman responded that there would be a goal post in the outfield and the outfield fence in the east end zone. Ms. Lohrman requested that Rec Board prepare the schedule and provide her with it. Ms. Lohrman will share the schedule with Mr. Drake. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Jones agreed to provide Ms. Lohrman with game day schedules for both fields.

Mr. Drake has spoken to Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Jones about the keys to Fisk Field. All the keys will be numbered and will not be allowed to be duplicated. The keys will be signed out. Chief Parkansky and Chief Collins will be provided keys. One key will open the concession stand and the restrooms.

Mr. Drake has gotten a price of the cabinets for the refreshment stand at Fisk Field. The price of 16 feet of cabinets is \$2,575.00. It will take two weeks to get the cabinets once they are ordered. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to purchase the cabinets using budgeted funds for Fisk Field. Second by Mr. Jones. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Jones agreed that other items for Fisk Field may come out of Rec Board funds.

Mr. Lipari felt that there would not be enough parking at the Fisk Field lot for football games. Mr. Jones agreed that even with the parking on the City's parking at Hackett's Park there would not be enough parking. Additional parking may be available at Bergey's during game days.

Mr. Jones thought that Fisk Field may be dedicated at Opening Day for baseball.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Drake has received the training materials for canine and feline CPR. Mr. Drake has paid for the materials as he will also be using them.

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky was notified that PennDot is putting up the guardrails around the pillars at Wood and Hackett Avenue.

2. Chief Parkansky would like to put the white Caprice out for bid. The blue Caprice is being used by Detective Meehan. Motion to advertise for bids on the white Caprice by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams. Ms. Lohrman will have Mr. Bare help her write the ad.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones informed Council that the Public Works Department has received one of the new trucks. The other truck should arrive around March 1, 2012. The Borough received \$3,000.00 for the trade-in of the two trucks. Mr. Drake added that one of the trucks was under a recall and he was not aware of it.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan has not received any information on the next MECAB meeting. It should be at the end of the month in East Stroudsburg. Mr. McGowan hopes to the information on the meeting at the next Council meeting.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the specifications for the generator are almost complete. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to advertise for bids for the generator. Second by Mr. Jones.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that there was a car that was being torn apart at the corner of 23rd and Hay Streets. The car is now gone. Mr. Corriere added that the owner of the property frequently repairs cars, but states that he is not in business. The vehicles belong to his friends.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1186 – Designation of Agent Resolution for Hurricane Irene. Motion to approve Resolution 1186 by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.
2. Resolution 1187 – Amending the Pennsylvania Borough Code, Section 1104(a) to Allow Elected Borough Officials to Receive Compensation for Service on Municipal Authority Boards. Motion to approve Resolution 1187 by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$112,321.73 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Williams and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY