

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 12, 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:

Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 27, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Dan Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Library, appeared before Council to inform them that the concert schedule is in place. He is still working on a rain date option for one of the concerts. Mr. Redington is working with the school district in case of rain on that date. The schedule will be at the printers shortly and should be available next month. Lafayette Ambassador Bank is sponsoring the printing of the concert schedule again this year. Mr. Feinberg requested Mr. Redington to send Ms. Lohrman the concert schedule so the Borough could put it on the website.

The library will be holding a second book sale this year. It will be held on May 18, 2012 and May 19, 2012. It will be a bag sale on the library grounds. The library is in possession of so many books, they need to have a second sale.

Mr. Redington informed Council that this year is the 50th anniversary of the library. There will be a year long celebration. Mr. Redington requested permission to use the Strausser Community Center on October 20, 2012 to hold an oldies dance as a fundraiser. Motion to approve the request to allow the library to use the center for the oldies dance by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman acknowledged a letter from The Miracle League of Northampton County. The group is looking for funding to build a barrier-free baseball facility to provide children with physical and intellectual disabilities the opportunity to play baseball. Ms. Lohrman stated that the Borough had not budgeted funds for The Miracle League. Mayor Perruso inquired whether the Wilson Recreation Board could help. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will discuss the matter at the Rec Board meeting on March 15, 2012.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received five bids for the 1995 Chevrolet Caprice that had been used by the Police Department. The bids were as follows:

Ed Segreaves	\$444.44
Joseph Devino	\$860.00
James Fritts	\$202.00
Police Car Store	\$777.00
Gary Bishop	\$601.00

Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to sell the vehicle to Joseph Devino for \$860.00. Second by Mr. Williams.

3. A letter was received from New Eastwood Care and Rehabilitation Center requesting permission to hold a second annual "Art in the Park" event at Meuser Park on August 4, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of August 11, 2012. They would like to include a concession stand to provide food and drinks, games for kids and a bouncer. Proceeds from the games and food will go towards the Relay for Life. Permission was also requested to place a banner across Northampton Street to advertise the event. Discussion was tabled until Ms. Lohrman discusses the lack of a rain date, necessity of a health license, no bouncer would be allowed and the requirements for a street banner.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough had 30 days in which to appoint someone to the vacant Council seat held by Mr. Reiss. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to authorize Ms. Lohrman to advertise for letters of interest. Second by Mr. McGowan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that the Opening Day/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Fisk Field will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The rain date will be held on April 15, 2012. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mayor Perruso to make a speech at the event. Mayor Perruso agreed to participate.

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky thanked Mr. Drake and the Public Works Department for the wonderful job they did in painting Detective Meehan's office.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake hopes to blacktop the Fisk Field parking lot tomorrow.
2. Mr. Drake informed Council that the sweeper almost completed one lap around the Borough before it broke down. He hopes it will be back in service in the next few days.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that the committee had reviewed the applications the Borough received for the swimming pool. The committee also discussed the rates for 2012. The committee would like to keep the rates the same except for the daily admission rates for residents. The committee would like to reduce the rates by \$0.50 for children, adults and seniors. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to approve the rates. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned what the pool losses were last year. Mr. Lipari did not have the information at the meeting. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested Council to table the Motion until the information could be discussed before Council. Mr. Williams Seconded Mr. Lipari's Motion to approve the 2012 pool rates. Affirmative votes were cast by: Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Williams. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg and Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion carried by a five to two vote.

2. Mr. Lipari reminded Council that there was \$16,600.00 put aside for pool improvements and pool maintenance. It will cost \$10,000.00 to make the two pools ADA accessible using chair lifts. Mr. Lipari would like to put a mushroom in the baby pool. The item will cost \$5,000.00 and another \$1,000.00 for shipping. Mr. Lipari is hoping to improve the pool so more families will come this summer. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to purchase the mushroom. Mr. Feinberg inquired about the need for additional funds for problems with the pools. Mr. Drake responded that he already had purchased new motors and was not going to paint the pools this summer. A water line would have to be put in the pool to accommodate the mushroom. Mr. Drake was not sure about the exact operation of the mushroom. Mr. Lipari withdrew his Motion to purchase the mushroom until Mr. Drake could get additional information on how the mushroom works.

Mr. Drake reminded the committee that whoever was hired as the Manager of the pool would need a pesticide license. Mr. Drake inquired about who was responsible for safety issues at the pool. Mr. Drake reports to Ms. Lohrman and they both report to Council. The Pool Manager is also responsible for safety issues and he/she reports to Ms. Lohrman. Mr. Drake expressed his concern for the swim team diving off blocks in the shallow end of the pool. USA Swimming rules require the water level to be at least five feet of water before diving should be allowed and should be preferably deeper. Two of the swimming lanes at one end have water depths of less than five feet. The area is also painted "no diving". Mr. Lipari was not familiar with the rule. Mr. Drake offered to keep the water level higher during meets, but it would be above the skimmers. Council requested Mr. Drake to keep the water level higher during meets.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti had prepared a draft ordinance reflecting the changes in "no parking" that Mr. Drake

and Chief Parkansky had made in the south side of the 1700 block of Northampton Street. Mr. Garofalo, the property owner where the changes were made, had spoken to Mayor Perruso, Mr. Corriere, Chief Parkansky and Mr. Minotti expressing his dislike of the changes. Mr. Garofalo felt the Borough took too much parking away and the sight problem could be solved by making the intersection “no left turn” going north on 17th Street. Mr. Garofalo also has parking available on the second floor of one of the buildings. Everyone agreed that no one can see if one is going straight or turning right with the parking the way it is. Making the intersection “no left turn” would not solve the problem. Motion to advertise the proposed ordinance by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that MECAB is reorganizing.

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan will be meeting with the Northampton County COG tomorrow. He reviewed the agenda with Council.
2. The Northampton County TCC will be meeting later this week. The group will be discussing the EIT district in the Philadelphia area. They are looking to expand the area. A short discussion of the EIT problems with the enterprise zone in Allentown was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1188 – Declaring It’s Intent to Follow the Schedules and Procedures for Disposition of Records as set for in the Municipal Records Manual Approved on December 16, 2008. Motion to approve Resolution 1188 by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$128,849.66 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mr. Williams and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY