

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
APRIL 9, 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	Winnie Howey
David Jones	Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Russ Lipari	James McGowan
Louis Starniri	Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Williams

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Attorney Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 26, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Mr. Lipari publically recognized two Wilson Borough Firefighters, Charles Wacik and Mark Cooke, who recently had extracted an elderly woman from a burning car in Phillipsburg. The firefighters also made sure the gas pumps were turned off. Mr. Lipari added that Wilson Borough has one of the best Fire Departments and the residents should be proud of their department.

2. Sally Edman, representing Taco Bell, appeared before Council to request a waiver of a land development plan. Ms. Edman appeared before Planning Commission last week and was approved. Taco Bell is looking to demolish their current building and rebuild it on the same foot print. The size of the building will be slightly larger. Seating will be for 62 people with an additional 4 parking spaces added. The building will be pushed back allowing the grading to improve. The dumpster will be put in the back of the lot. No zoning variances are needed. The turn around time will be between 90 and 120 days. Taco Bell will try to keep their good employees through additional training and transfer some employees to other stores. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the land development waiver. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

3. Fred Lahovski presented a letter of appreciation to Mr. Feinberg. Forty Fort Borough thanked Wilson Borough for allowing them to purchase a Ford Expedition at a nominal cost. The day the vehicle was purchased, Forty Fort had a snow storm and it allowed continued service by the Police Department without interruption.

4. Sue Kandel representing Alexandra Manor appeared before Council to request a land development waiver on a proposed project at 2201 Northampton Street. The site had been slated for an assisted living facility. It is now being proposed as a Brazilian restaurant. The restaurant will have seating for 90 people with 32 parking spaces. An additional 2700 square feet will be added to the building. Wilson Planning Commission approved the project last week. The project will have to go before Zoning in order to obtain a Special Exception Use approval. Mr. Feinberg stated that a restaurant is an allowable Special Exception Use. There will not be a drive up at the restaurant. Ms. Kandel was not sure of the hours of operation, but felt that it would primarily be used for lunch and dinner. Mr. McGowan felt that it was not appropriate to have a restaurant next to a park and pool with children going there during the summer. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the children are only there about three months of the year and the restaurant would be open all year around. Ms. Kandel responded that the developer has agreed to make the same improvements as PennDot had approved two years ago when the site was going to be an assisted living facility. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the land development waiver. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a seven to one vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. The Miracle League of Northampton County Board of Directors thanked the Wilson Borough Recreation Board for a \$1,000.00 donation in order to build a baseball field designed specifically for the special needs of children with physical and intellectual disabilities.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso thanked the Recreation Board for giving a donation to The Miracle League.
2. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking application for 1908 Ferry Street. Chief Parkansky approved the request. Mr. Feinberg inquired is there are some steps in front of the house and parking off the back of the house. Chief Parkansky replied that he had not checked about off-street parking. He had only checked to see how many handicapped spots were in the block. Matter was tabled until Chief Parkansky checks to see if the property has off-street parking.
3. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the LINC center would like to use the Community Center on August 18, 2012 to hold a dance. Mr. Jones stated that they are pulling the dances out of the schools. The dance would be for adults and alcohol would be served. The dance must be over by 11:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Jones to allow the dance if August 18, 2012 was available. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.
4. Chief Parkansky would like to hire Ken Collins as a part-time Police Officer. Mr. Collins is a retired officer from Washington, New Jersey and is MOPEC certified. Motion to hire Mr. Collins as a part-time Police Officer by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Officer Collins was introduced to Council.
5. Chief Parkansky is having a list put together by the Civil Service Commission. Chief Parkansky had funds in the budget for the testing last year, but not enough funds were put in the budget for this year. Chief Parkansky needs an additional \$5,000.00 for complete the testing. Chief Parkansky would like to take the funds out of the LST account. Motion to approve the request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri.
6. Mayor Perruso thanked Chief Parkansky and his department for the job they are doing. A warrant is out for someone who had done the recent robberies.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that a Council meeting was scheduled on May 28, 2012 which is Memorial Day. Ms. Montgomery had asked about meeting days as she is preparing the bids for the Borough's crosswalk project. Motion by Mr. Starniri to move the May 28, 2012 Council meeting to Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Ms. Lohrman will prepare the necessary advertisement.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

None

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones informed Council that he and Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will be getting together on April 10, 2012 with Mr. Drake at Fisk Field to review the last few items needed for the dedication ceremony on Saturday, April 14, 2012. One of the items to be discussed will be the flag on the light pole.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari requested Council's permission to take over the refreshment stand again at the swimming pool. No funds were allocated for the refreshment stand. Mr. Lipari proposed using the money designated for the slide and the mushroom for the refreshment stand. Mr. Lipari did not want to have the same situation as the Borough had the last two years at the stand. Last year the stand was out of some food items at times and the stand was closed for smoking breaks. Mr. Lipari can acquire food items from outside vendors. Mr. Lipari had not contacted other vendors to run the refreshment stand. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer replied that Mr. Lipari was the head of the committee. Recreation Board was told that there was not any money in the budget for various items for Fisk Field and had to spend their own funds or due without. Mr. Feinberg added that the refreshment always operated at a loss. Someone with a food handler's license would have to over see the operation. Mr. Feinberg did not feel that Mr. Lipari had looked too hard for an outside vendor to operate the refreshment stand. Mr. Lipari responded that he did not know that he was going to be Chairman of the committee until January. Ms. Lohrman will give Mr. Lipari the contact information for the gentleman who ran the refreshment stand last year.

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

None

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Forks Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. McGowan stated that there would be a TCC meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012. The topic of discussion would be the taxing problem that has arisen over the Allentown EIT NIZ.
2. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that Cenveo Corporation has hired a New York firm to market the Cadmus Mack property. Hopefully the development of the site will be moving forward.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1189 – Filling a Council Vacancy. Motion to ratify Resolution 1189 by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri.
2. Resolution 1191 – Naming Individuals Who are Authorized to Sign the Supplemental Federal-Aid Reimbursement Agreement #050007E. Motion to approve Resolution 1191 by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$81,092.45 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Jones made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY