

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

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 9, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Chief Parkansky checked the property located at 1908 Ferry Street for off-street parking. The person living there had applied for a Handicapped Parking spot at the last Council meeting. Chief Parkansky stated that there were 7 steps in front of the house to a landing and then 3 more steps to the porch. The house also has a two car garage in the rear of the property. Chief Parkansky was unable to see the back of the property. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to decline the Handicapped Parking spot. Second by Mr. McGowan.
2. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking application for 485 S. 21 Street. Chief Parkansky has favorably reviewed the application and there is not any off-street parking at the property. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.
3. Mayor Perruso received a request from one of the neighbors near Fisk Field. During the Ribbon Cutting/Dedication ceremony, people were parked on both sides of N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The neighbor suggested parking on only one side of the street. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded the problem occurred during a special event. Council should keep an eye on the situation and see how often the parking happens before it takes action.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough has received the 2012 CDBG information. The Notice of Intent is due no later than Friday, May 11, 2012 and completed applications are due on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The Notice of Intent is due prior to Council's next meeting. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the associations. Mr. Feinberg stated that the Recreation Board could apply as they are a non-profit organization. Mrs. Lohrman has already forwarded the information on to Mr. Redington at Mary Meuser Library. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will talk to Ms. Lohrman about the application.

A question arose concerning the CDBG 2010 grant for crosswalk improvements. Mr. Lohrman stated that there had been a problem with the HOP from PennDot for the crossing and handicapped curb cut at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Freemansburg Ave. The problem got even more complication when the Borough received notification that PennDot was going to repave Freemansburg Ave. from the railroad crossing in Bethlehem Township to Palmer Street. PennDot has finally granted the HOP, but the 24<sup>th</sup> Street crossing may not be included in the project. The Borough Engineer is finalizing the bid documents and the bid should be advertised in the next few weeks. The project should be completed this summer.

Mr. Corriere informed Council that there is a sewer line on south side of Forest Street that runs underneath several sidewalks. A few owners have fixed the sidewalks, but there are several that need repairs. Mr. Drake responded that the Borough is only responsible for the manhole covers. Funds could be used for curb cuts and roads, but an income survey would have to be completed to make sure that the area is low to moderate income. Mr. Feinberg suggested using the funds for Housing Rehab as the Borough already knows it is an acceptable project and there is still a need out there. Motion by Mr. Starniri to apply for a \$200,000.00 CDBG for Housing Rehab. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Scott Schaffer from Hi Tech Security has offered to put a security system in the Fisk Field concession stand at no cost to the Borough. It would have an audible alarm. It would cost \$35.00 to monitor the alarm plus the cost of the phone line or it would cost \$40.00 to monitor the alarm by radio. Motion to accept the offer of an alarm system by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones.

Chief Parkansky is getting a price for a camera to be installed at Fisk Field. Mr. Feinberg stated that there is a line of site at the field.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer reminded Council that the Strausser Community Center had a deficit of \$15,000.00 last year. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer recommended that Council discontinue giving lower rental rates to Council member, employees and Lion's members. Mr. Feinberg did not feel that the lower rates should be a perk. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to discontinue rate reductions to new bookings. Second by Mr. Jones.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that Fisk Field Dedication/Ribbon Cutting ceremony was well attended. Mr. Fisk thoroughly enjoyed the event. The Borough received a trophy in the Express-Times.

3. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that the scoreboard for Fisk Field had arrived.

4. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that there was only one incident at the dedication. A pipe broke to one of the toilets. Mr. Drake stated that someone broke it by jumping on the toilet.

#### FIRE:

None

#### POLICE:

None

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones and Mr. Drake had discussed the procedure for turning on and off the lights at Fisk Field. Mr. Drake can schedule the time the lights go on and off by a computer. Mr. Jones would like permission to add internet service to Mr. Drake's phone so he will be able to have access to the lighting system if he is on the road and the weather is bad and the schedule is changed at the field. Motion by Mr. Jones to allow Mr. Drake to have internet access on his phone. Second by Mr. Lipari.

2. Mr. Jones informed Council that the fence broke at Fisk Field on Opening Day. Mr. Jones would like to have the fence zip tied together. The zip ties would not be heavy duty to prevent injuries and will not be used until after the soccer game next month. Motion to allow the fence to be zip tied by Mr. Jones. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari requested permission to hire 9 people for the swimming pool. Seven of the people are rehires. Mr. Lipari would like to hire Stephen Hoernle, Mark Rosenkranz, Caitlyn Casioli, Brook Sales, Audra Organetti, Joseph Wapinski, Sam Guardsmoe and Kayla Mоторo as Lifeguards at \$8.45 per hour and John Whilden at the Ticket Window at \$7.81 per hour. Second by Mr. Jones. There will be interviews for the Manager and Assistant Manager positions this week. Mr. Whilden will be selling the preseason pool passes. There was a short discussion about the office staff doing the pool passes in the office. Up until several years ago, the pool passes were done by a printing company.

#### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has received paperwork regarding the Assisse vs the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Unemployment matter.

2. Mr. Minotti is reviewing the subpoena received in the office for records on litigation involving Jim Fritts.

3. Mr. Minotti is preparing for an appeal on the Zoning matter with Eastern Comfort Living. It had been stated that Mr. Minotti and Mr. Walter had agreed on behalf of the Borough to certain conditions. An agreement was never signed and the requirements for the agreement were never met. The court date

is the week of May 14, 2012. Mr. Corriere is preparing a time line for Mr. Minotti since the facility opened.

4. Mr. Minotti stated that the Borough has received an assessment notice for 1512 Lehigh Street. The Assessment Board reduced the assessment from 31,900 to 17,700 due to a fire. The house has now been fully repaired. Mr. Minotti did not feel that the house would be reassessed until 2013 and the Borough did not do interim assessments. Ms. Lohrman added that the tax refund would be around \$196.00 and the check would go out with this meeting's bills.

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. McGowan asked Mr. Minotti if he had found out any additional information on the Allentown NIZ. Mr. Minotti responded that a few other municipalities have joined the suit. Mr. McGowan brought up the commuter tax that the City of Easton is considering enacting.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$498,599.03 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Second by Mr. Jones and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY