

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MAY 14, 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  
James McGowan  
Ryan Woodring

Winnie Howey  
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer  
David Williams

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari, Louis Starniri

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 23, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Patricia Bartholomew of Stage Door Studio requested Council to consider angled parking be once again installed on the odd numbered side of Washington Boulevard between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets. Mrs. Bartholomew believes the new arrangement would eliminate double parking for her patrons and also would make it more attractive for future patrons of all the businesses. Mrs. Bartholomew also would like the turning lane in front of the bank eliminated. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Drake will look into the matter.

2. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requested permission to use the inside of the small pavilion to store food during the Greek Festival scheduled in Meuser Park this weekend. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lily-Kemmerer, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a six to one vote.

3. An email was received from Steve Klaver requesting permission for the archery program at the Easton Fish and Game Association to use a portion of a park for a temporary archery field. A space of 50 yards deep and 30 feet wide would be needed. Roughly 25 students and parents participated in the target archery program last year. Liability coverage is in place and wherever the club shoots would be named as co-insured. Council agreed not to allow the archery program in any Wilson Borough park.

4. Daniel Redinger, Director of Mary Meuser Library, requested permission to close N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Northampton Street to Church Street for their annual Book Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sale will be on the Library grounds, but they hope to use the street for displays. The Book Sale will be held rain or shine. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

5. An email was received from Bob Lammi informing Council that there will be a Government Officials Emergency Management Seminar hosted by Northampton Community College on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fowler Center in Bethlehem. The goal of the program will be to introduce elected officials to their role within the preparedness, response and recovery phases of a disaster or incident. Anyone interested in attending should let Ms. Lohrman know.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the opening of the Family Center (LINC) would be from Noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The dedication will be held at 3:00 p.m.

2. Chief Parkansky informed Council that the Civil Service Commission certified the updated Police List on May 7, 2012. Chief Parkansky would like to hire Tom Migliore to fill the vacancy on the 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift. Mr. Migliore was first on the list and is a veteran. Motion to hire Mr. Migliore by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

## COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the bid documents have been approved by the County for the Crosswalk Improvement project. The CDBG 2010 project has been advertised and a mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. The bid opening will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Lohrman will present the bid information to Council for approval after the bids have been reviewed.

2. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel matter. concession stand matter. The griddle and the fryers will need to be placed in a minimum space of 6'6" in width. The counter top next to the windows is not large enough for the two items. The grille/fryers will have to be placed on the back countertop where there is overhead cabinets. The grille/fryers can not be placed on laminated surfaces. If the grille/fryer would be in operation when the stand is operation, then the make up air can be attained from the outside air. The hood will be supplied with a fire suppression system which will require all electrical circuits underneath the hood that will disconnect upon release of the suppression agent. New shunt-trip breakers for each item in the existing 200 amp panel board will have to be installed. Mr. Jones offered to contact Mr. Davis to see if the logistics can be worked out.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded to the article in the newspaper concerning the inspection of the refreshment stand at Fisk Field. The Baseball Association was allowed by the Health Officer to use the grille from another field to cook. The fryers used at the concession stand are similar to the ones use in homes. While the hood has not been installed, it was not needed during the Fisk Field opening as the commercial appliances were not used. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that one person was in the stand during Opening day without a hairnet and the matter was taken care of immediately.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had received notice from Kim Schaffer that Northampton County would be putting aside funds from CDBG 2012 for a countywide Housing Rehab program. Anyone interested in the county in housing rehab would have to apply to the county for funding. The County will not be approving any municipalities for Housing Rehab funding. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer thought maybe the Borough could apply for funds to redo the dugouts at Jeffery Field, but the Public Works Department had already completed the project this spring. The shed at Jeffery Field needs work. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer suggested putting up a net at the field so the balls did not go in the creek. Mr. Feinberg suggested putting a camera at Fisk Field. Ms. Lohrman will talk to Ms. Schaffer about doing a grant application for Fisk Field improvements.

Ms. Lohrman has received a letter from John Stoffa, County Executive. The County is inquiring if the Borough would like to remain as part of the Urban Entitlement for 2013-2015. If the Borough participates, the residents in the municipality are counted toward meeting the combined population threshold, and county entitlement funds may be used to assist the Borough's residents. If the Borough does not participate, it will not be eligible for funding. Council agreed to remain part of the entitlement.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that due to the size of the claims this past year, EMC Insurance would not renew the Borough's Workmen's Comp policy. The Borough applied to several other insurance companies, but they were denied. The Borough was approved by the State Workers' Insurance Fund. Unfortunately the premium was increased from \$132,000 to \$192,000. The rate is based on a loss factor for each department, the number of employees in each department and the payroll.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer has been working with the associations scheduling the dances at the community center. No more than 200 people are allowed to be in the center at one time. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to open up the wall and remove the office in order to make extra room for coats to be put on the outside of the wall. The office was never used by the Borough. Mr. McGowan stated that the sound system is in the office. The tables are stored on a cart which can be moved around the room. Mayor Perruso disagreed. He felt that if everything was kept in its place, there would be enough room for the coats in the coat room. Mr. Woodring and Mr. Jones would like to visit the center prior to making a decision. Matter was tabled until the next Council meeting.

### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins reported that his new car had arrived. It is at D&A having the lighting and radio installed. The car will then go for lettering.

2. Chief Collins informed Council that he had received a letter of declination for the pumper grant. The funds would have been used to replace the oldest engine. Chief Collins inquired if Council would like him to reapply in June under the next FEMA grant. No decision was made.

3. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the room to be built in the Fire Department garage. Chief Collins responded that the room was in progress. He is waiting for the electrician to do the wiring. The Borough received enough money from the hose couplings to pay for the cost of the room.

### POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Drake would like to hire Caleb Larsen, Justin Scerbo and Dennis Corrado as summer help until September 1, 2012. Motion to approve request by Mr. Jones. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Williams informed Council that the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to hire Charles Marsteller as the Pool Manager and Steven Hoernle as the Assistant Manager. The Manager will receive a salary of \$7,500.00 and the Assistant Manager will be paid hourly. Motion to approve request by Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. Woodring.

2. Mr. Williams added that Walter Carabello will be running the refreshment stand again this year.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has been working with Ms. Lohrman on several matters. One item involves an old oil tank at the Municipal Building. The DEP is looking to close the file out. Mr. Minotti will be contacting another party from the DEP on Tuesday or Wednesday in order to get the matter resolved.

2. Mr. Minotti was also working with Ms. Lohrman on a subpoena for personnel records. The attorney for the employee has agreed to supply all records including medical records. Ms. Lohrman added that the information was mailed out this afternoon.

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An unidentified woman appeared before Council concerning the declination of a Handicapped Parking spot at 1908 Ferry Street. Mr. Feinberg explained that the application was denied because the applicant had a garage behind his home and it appeared to be easier for the man to walk from the rear of the home rather than have to go up a dozen steps in the front of the home. The woman responded that the gentlemen owned a Caravan minivan and it did not fit in the garage. There is also only one other handicapped spot on the block. Council agreed to have Chief Parkansky revisit the matter.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$307,561.68 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY