

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MAY 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	David Jones\
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russ Lipari (Late)
James McGowan	Louis Starniri
David Williams	Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

Winnie Howey

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 14, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Patricia Bartholomew of 5 Tammy Lane and owner of Stage Door Studio requested that the Borough reinstate the angle parking in the 1700 block of Washington Blvd. Some of the teenagers that attend the school have had to park on Washington Street and were approached by kids with bats. Some of the patrons are double parking when they have picked up their kids. Some of the patrons of a club use foul language when they leave the club. Mrs. Bartholomew feels that changing the block to angle parking would allow more parking spaces, the patrons could park closer to the businesses and the double parking would have to end. Mrs. Bartholomew has added more teachers and one of the hair salons has moved to a larger facility on the block. Additional parking is needed. Chief Parkansky responded that he and Mr. Drake had taken a look at the site and is recommending that Council make it angled parking on the north side of the street. Both sides of the block are the same size and an additional 7 parking spots would be created if it were angled parking. Mr. Starniri responded that he thought that angle parking was dangerous and he would like to see the angled parking on the other side of the street removed. Drivers cannot see when pulling out into traffic. Mr. Bartholomew stated that he had never seen an accident on the other side of the street. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned whether or not the incident with the bats was reported to the police. Mrs. Bartholomew responded that it had not been reported. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the incident should have been reported. Mr. Drake stated that angle parking will not solve any of the other problems in the neighborhood. Chief Parkansky stated that at least one other business would like the block angled parking. Mr. Woodring made a Motion to allow angled parking for 30 days to see how it worked. Mayor Perruso questioned whether painting the lines on the street for possibly only 30 days was a good idea. Second by Mr. Williams. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mr. McGowan Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri. Motion carried by a five to two vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. An email was received from Rosie Amato, Athletic Director of Wilson Area School District, thanking the Borough for allowing the Girls Soccer Team to have Senior Night at Fisk Field. The girls would like to have all of their home games at Fisk Field beginning in the fall. Mr. Amato also requested that two of those games be under the lights. Mr. Feinberg stated that when Council had given permission to use Fisk Field for Senior Night, Council was told that it was a once and done event. He did not feel that Council should allow them to continue to use the field. Mayor Perruso questioned why Council would do that. Mr. Jones stated that a decision did not have to be made right now. Mr. Amato works with Mr. Jones very well. Mr. Starniri questioned if the Borough kids have been kicked off the school district field for high school events. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the high school always has preference over the fields. Mr. McGowan stated that the Borough fields are open to the public, but the school district fields are not. Mr. Drake stated that Fisk Field would be lined for football and both goal posts would be up for the midget football team to use for their games. Mayor Perruso questioned what the school district would do if the Borough does not allow them to use Fisk Field. They may not allow the kids to use their fields any longer. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that she did not like the way Mr.

Amato spoke to the Borough staff. Mr. Jones responded that he had spoken to Mr. Amato and he understood that he had to follow the chain of command. The problem would not happen again. Ms. Lohrman expressed her concern on liability issues if one of the employees gets hurt or if one of the players got hurt at Fisk Field. The Rec Board insurance would not cover a high school student playing on the field. A Certificate of Insurance may be needed in order for the school to use the field. Mr. Lipari will speak to the school district and see how other places handle the situation. Matter was tabled until Recreation Board discusses request.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had met with two people from the State Workers' Insurance Fund. One of the topics discussed was the Drug Free PA Program. The program is voluntary and the Borough could realize up to a 5% premium credit after the policy expired. The components and discounts are: Policy Development – 2%, Employee Assistance Program – 1%, Employee Training – 1%, Supervisory Training – 1% and Drug and Alcohol Testing – 1%. The Annual Membership would be \$150.00. The Drug and Alcohol Testing would have to be completed through the Programs labs and not the PSAB drug testing program the Borough was currently in. Ms. Lohrman was requested to get the costs of the program components and report back to Council.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested Ms. Lohrman to get numbers on yearly physicals on employees.

Ms. Lohrman will get the information.

2. Benecon will not be offering COBRA Administration Service to its PMHIC groups at no charge for Medical/Rx, Dental and vision plans. Although rarely used, the Borough currently uses Ceridian. The fee is \$37.00 per month. Motion to transfer COBRA services to Benecon. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received an email from Dave Woglom regarding the collection of delinquent EIT. The delinquent EIT accounts will automatically be turned over to the Tax Officer, in this case, Keystone, on July 1, 2012, unless the municipality chooses a different company to continue to collect the delinquent EIT. If the Borough chooses to have a different company, the TCC encourages the Borough to enter into some form of contract to do so. If the Borough chooses to have Keystone assume the collections, the files and information have to be transferred to Keystone. Ms. Lohrman has a draft letter that can be used to transfer the information. Mr. Starniri felt it would be easier to use only one agency to collect the delinquent taxes. Mr. McGowan felt that the accounts should stay where they were. Mr. Feinberg directed Ms. Lohrman to check on what the delinquent account status was. Matter tabled.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council she had contacted the County and the Fisk Field improvements were not an acceptable activity to receive CDBG funds. Ms. Lohrman added that Mr. Drake had received a price of \$200.00 for the net at the field. Ms. Lohrman stated that the camera at Fisk Field was an acceptable activity and she had just about completed the application for the cameras. She hoped to have the application submitted on Friday.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that Fire Collins' new vehicle has arrived. It will be lettered soon.

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

None

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari stated that the pool opens this weekend. He is very excited about the upcoming

2. Mr. Williams requested permission to hire Josh Campisi, Thomas Wapinski and Nicole Reiss as lifeguards. Motion by Mr. Williams. Second by Mr. Jones.

##### ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting will be held next Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Northampton.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the new generator installation had begun. Some of the new Emergency lighting and exit signs have been installed.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$153,425.35 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY