

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JUNE 11, 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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

Winnie Howey
Russ Lipari
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Jones, Louis Starniri, David Williams

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Woodring.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Shannon Heckman requesting permission to close the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue for the 57th Annual Block Party. The cars will be removed on July 3, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Ms. Howey.

2. A letter was received from Nick Fischer requesting permission to have a picnic at Meuser Park during the week of June 18, 2012 for his baseball team. He inquired if the Borough would donate the pavilion to the team fore the picnic. Ms. Lohrman stated that the pavilions were available Monday through Thursday that week. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. McGowan.

3. A letter was received from Gamble Tattoos & Piercings requesting directional signs be placed at S. 25th and Wood Ave. and Northampton Street and Wood Ave. Mr. Chieco is aware that he will be charged for the signs and a post(s) if needed. Motion to approve request by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Lipari.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Chief Parkansky explained to Council that the man that burgled properties on Freemansburg Ave. and Butler Street a few months ago, is in custody in Florida. The District Attorney has a new policy that the County will no longer expedite prisoners. Chief Parkansky has a detainer filed and he will be contacted when the man's time has been served in Florida. Chief Parkansky stated that there is a company that some of the local police departments have used that will transport prisoners at \$0.80 per mile. Chief Parkansky has not budgeted funds for this purpose and asked Council what they wished for him to do. Chief Parkansky could withdraw the detainer and wait for the man to get arrested closer to home. It would be much more expensive to have two of the Borough's officers transport the man back to Wilson. Motion to allow Chief Parkansky to hire the outside company to bring the man back to PA. Second by Mr. Lipari. Mr. Woodring requested a copy of the contract.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reported that the Borough had four certificates of deposit coming due on June 29, 2012 at Lafayette Ambassador Bank. She will get rates from local institutions for Council to review at the next Council meeting.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received information from Lower Mount Bethel Township urging other municipalities in Lehigh and Northampton Counties to adopt resolutions opposing the governor's proposed budget that eliminates state money for farmland preservation. A sample resolution was included.

3. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the Bid Award Recommendation for the Crosswalk Improvements from

Borough Engineer Amy Montgomery. The lowest base bid was from F.A. Rohrbach, Inc. for \$108,027.40. The lowest Alternate "B" bid for Freemansburg Ave without the decorative crosswalk was also from F.A. Rohrbach, Inc. in the amount of \$21,591.00. Ms. Montgomery did not recommend installing the decorative crosswalk on Freemansburg Ave. as PennDot is planning on resurfacing the roadway and would be removed and not replaced by PennDot. Ms. Lohrman stated that the Borough had \$142,513.30 in CDBG funds with the county for the project. The two bids plus an estimated 10% for engineering would be \$142,580.24. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to award the base bid and Alternate "B" to F.A. Rohrbach. Second by Mr. Woodring.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the alarm system was installed at Fisk Field last week. Ms. Lohrman publically thanked Hi-Tech Security for donating the alarm system.

5. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that the football association would like to store equipment on the second floor of the concession stand at Fisk Field. The association is willing to put up shelves under the direction of Mr. Drake. Mr. Feinberg responded in the negative. Mr. Lipari inquired if the facility was built in mind for storage. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the school district could ask for the storage area at Avona be removed at any time. Mr. Drake stated that the Jeffery Field storage area is a mess and was concerned what would happen at Fisk Field. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that someone from Rec Board has been assigned to make sure all the buildings were in order. She will let the person check Jeffery Field. Mr. McGowan stated that he did not remember any storage area at Fisk Field. Mr. Feinberg suggested using a container for storage. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned where the container would be put. There was no place at Fisk Field for sleds. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that matter be tabled until the football association appears before Council to answer questions. Measurements would be needed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that 2012 FEMA grant applications are being accepted. The Borough has 30 days in which to apply. Chief Collins already has been appointed a mentor.

2. Chief Collins inquired if the Borough wished to have his old vehicle put out for bid. He has just received designs for the new vehicle. The Borough will advertise for bids at the next Council meeting.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that one of the people hired at the last Council meeting, Justin Scerbo, would not be returning to the Borough as he got another job. Mr. Drake reviewed the applications and would like to hire Jeffrey Edinger in his place. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the Public Works Committee had not reviewed the applications. Mr. Drake stated that he had spoken to Mr. Jones and he had agreed to hire Mr. Edinger. If the Borough waited until the next Council meeting, half the summer would be over. Mr. Minotti suggested that Mr. Drake meet with the committee after the meeting, review the applications and agree on a candidate. The person could start and Council could ratify the candidate at the next Council meeting. Mr. Drake stated that the two Chief's give recommendations that don't go through the committee. Chief Parkansky stated that he discusses the candidate with the Mayor and Mr. Starniri before requesting Council to hire him. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to hire Mr. Edinger. No Second to the Motion was received. A committee meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari requested permission to hire Sarina Daul and Sean McGann as Life Guards at the pool. He also requested permission to hire Christine Meyers as a Ticket Window Clerk. Second by Ms. Howey.

2. D&H Productions has given Mr. Lipari three dates they are available to do Dip N Dances at the pool. They are July 13, 2012 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., July 25, 2012 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and August 8, 2012 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The company will supply music, games and prizes. The cost is \$250.00 per event. There are funds in the budget for the dances as the pool equipment was not going to be purchased. Rain dates are based on availability. Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire D&H Productions for the Dip N Dances. Second by Ms. Howey.

3. Mr. Lipari would like to recognize Marlowe Wacik for her years of service by giving Mrs. Wacik a lifetime pass to Meuser Pool. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has received assessment paperwork for a property the Borough owns on S. 25th Street. Mr. Minotti will pull that map and see which property it is referring to.

2. Mr. Minotti reminded Council that the Assise unemployment appeal will be going to the Commonwealth Court. PSAB appointed Attorney Anne Manley to act as Counsel for the Borough for the initial hearing and the appeal before the Board of Review. PSAB will not have Attorney Manley act on behalf of the Borough for the Commonwealth Court appeal. Attorney Manley is willing to handle the appeal for \$175.00 per hour. It will take Attorney Manley less time than someone else as she is familiar with the case. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Attorney Manley handle the appeal before the Commonwealth Court on the Assise matter. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting will be held at the end of the month in Coplay. Mr. McGowan hopes to have more information for the next Council meeting.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that at the last Council meeting it had been brought to their attention that they had to make a decision as to who was going to collect the delinquent EIT for Wilson Borough. It Keystone assumes the collection of the taxes going forward, the files and information has to be transferred to them. Shortly after the last meeting, Ms. Lohrman received a letter from Berkheimer stating that they would be willing to continue to collect the delinquent EIT for the Borough at a 0% collection rate. All fees would be paid by the taxpayer. There are currently 419 open accounts from tax years 2010 and prior. Motion by Mr. McGowan to continue to have Berkheimer collect the Borough's delinquent EIT. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Ms. Lohrman will contact Berkheimer for the appropriate contract and resolution.

2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the PA Drug Free PA Program which would allow the Borough to realize up to a 5% one-time premium credit, after the Workmen's Comp policy expiration. The program is flexible and the Borough could chose from just one component or all five. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the services and associated costs for the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$162,901.77 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY