

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JUNE 25, 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
Russ Lipari
Louis Starniri

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Williams

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Tina Serfass, from the Wilson Midget Football Association, appeared before Council to find out why they were not being allowed to store their uniforms upstairs at Fisk Field. Mr. Feinberg responded that Council had never discussed using the upstairs for storage. Mr. Feinberg had Ms. Lohrman read the Minutes from the June 14, 2010, June 28, 2010 and July 12, 2010 Council meetings that showed that the upstairs was built as an announcer's booth. Mr. Jones stated that the upstairs is 29' by 11.5' and is more than large enough for storage. Mr. Lipari only uses half that space at the high school. Six feet would be adequate for his use. Football would like to store helmets and shoulder pads along the back wall. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer had told them it could be used for storage. Mr. McGowan responded that the matter had to be discussed at a Council meeting. Ms. Serfass was told that the building could be removed from Avona. The Rec Building is owed by the Borough, but is on school district property. Mr. Drake spoke to several people at the district and they were not going to have the building removed. The pod is also on school district property. Mr. Lipari had requested a floor plan that showed how the equipment would be stored. The drawing was not available due to computer problems. Mr. Feinberg stated that he would rather have the equipment stored in a shed. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that football did not have the money. Mr. Lipari suggested asking a local business for the shed to be donated. The response was that the Borough would have to ask for the donation. Mr. Drake stated that he would talk to Home Depot to see if they would donate the shed. The size would have to be at least 10' x 12'. Mr. Drake will also contact the City of Easton and see if they would allow the pod to be put on their baseball field at Lower Hacketts. Mr. Drake will also get a net for footballs.

2. Frederick Coleman appeared before Council to discuss his idea of creating a small garden in front of the flag post on the corner of Butler and 21st Streets. The garden will be retained by pave stones. On the face of the pavestones, it would read "Wilson Borough". The Public Works Department would be responsible for the upkeep of the garden once it's built. Mr. Coleman would like to begin the project in late June and finish the project in August. His family and friends would be helping him. He has done some fundraising to pay for the project. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Woodring. Mr. Coleman was advised that there was a time capsule near the proposed garden area. Mr. Drake knows where it is located. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Drake to see if the garden could be lit up at night. Mr. Drake will look into the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Frederick Coleman regarding a garden outside the Fire Department. Matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

2. A letter was received from Lorne Possinger, DCNR, regarding the final site inspection of Fisk Field. Mr. Possinger has verified that the field was completed in accordance with the Contract Scope of Work and Grant Agreement. Closeout documentation must be approved prior to the remainder of the funds being released. Ms. Lohrman stated that the closeout paperwork was completed in December, 2010. The Borough had to wait to have the final site inspection until the restrooms and handicapped parking were completed.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received an email from PennDot concerning a \$7.1 million project to mill, patch, pave and other miscellaneous construction on Rt. 22 from 25th Street interchange to the Bridge Commission property. The anticipated start date is July 9, 2012 and schedule to be completed by October 31, 2012. Ms. Lohrman will forward the information to the department heads.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso commended Chief Parkansky and the Police Department on the recent arrest for the armed robbery.

2. Mayor Perruso received an email from Antonia Towers concerning the disruption of service to the facility. LANTA will not stop on Hillside Avenue as the Borough will not allow commercial vehicles on the street. The Borough does allow commercial vehicles on Hillside Avenue. Ms. Lohrman has been trying to contact LANTA, but no one has returned her phone calls.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman had been requested by Council to get rates for four certificates of deposit that are maturing on Friday, June 29, 2012. Ms. Lohrman received rate quotes from Merchants Bank, Lafayette Ambassador Bank, and PLGIT. KNBT supplied the Borough with a Fixed Income Proposal. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to invest the funds in 24 month CDs at Merchants Bank. Second by Mr. Woodring. Ms. Lohrman will transfer the interest earned to the Sewer Capacity Money Market Account.

2. At a recent meeting, Jonathan Ebsersole from Benecon, had requested that the Borough complete a Leave of Absence Policies Development Questionnaire that Ms. Lohrman had received last year. Mr. Feinberg had directed Ms. Lohrman meet with Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer as Chairman of the General Government Committee to complete the questionnaire and bring it back to Council. Benecon is willing to prepare at no cost Leave of Absence Policies for it's clients. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to submit the completed questionnaire to Benecon for policy development. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman will bring back the policies to Council for adoption once they have been written.

3. Ms. Lohrman received a call from Kim Schaffer, CDBG Coordinator from Northampton County. Ms. Schaffer felt that the camera application the Borough had submitted as a 2012 CDBG application would be a better fit to receive funds from the 2012 uncommitted gaming funds. Ms. Lohrman will have to submit a second application for the cameras for uncommitted gaming funds. Mr. Feinberg suggested checking to see what the CDBG money could be used for. Ms. Lohrman stated that Ms. Schaffer had approved the cameras for CDBG funds.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had spoken to Richard Behler and he was planning on retiring on September 1, 2012. His last day of work would be July 31, 2012 and he would be using up his vacation time in August. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to advertise for the position in Public Works. Mr. Feinberg responded that the Borough should wait until the PMRS paperwork was completed before the Borough advertises.

5. Ms. Lohrman had received a letter that had been taped to the front door prior to this meeting from Harrison Knauss. Mr. Knauss is requesting that late charges be removed from his accounts as he had requested his address on the accounts be changed several years ago and they were never changed. Ms. Lohrman stated that Mr. Corriere had requested that she speak to Mr. Knauss several weeks ago. Mr. Knauss requested that Ms. Lohrman remove the late fees. Ms. Lohrman looked at the two accounts and discovered that Mr. Knauss had been delinquent on his accounts for several years. He owes two properties that have addresses that are on different streets, but are connected to each other. One of the properties is a rental. At one point, he had owed the Borough \$3,100.00 in delinquent garbage and sewer bills. When he did not pay the bills, the Borough had the water turned off and the house was padlocked. Mr. Knauss had to move to a homeless shelter in Allentown. Mr. Knauss stated that had he received the bills, he would have paid them. Ms. Lohrman changed the address on the one account, so both bills go to the same address, but would did not remove the late charges as his accounts have been delinquent for many years. Mr. Starniri stated that the Borough had never removed late charges. Mr. Knauss knew that there were sewer bills on the properties and still did not pay them.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri would like to put Chief Collins' vehicle out for bid. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to advertise for bids. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Chief Collins and Ms. Lohrman will work out the date the bids are due.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones informed Council that the committee had interviewed a candidate for summer help. Mr. Jones made a Motion to hire Jeffrey Edinger to fill the last position for summer help. Second by Mr. Lipari.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. On behalf of Borough Council, Mr. Lipari presented a lifetime pool pass to Marlowe Wacik in recognition of her years of service as Pool Manager.

2. Mr. Lipari presented a revenue report for Meuser Pool through June 21, 2012. Attendance was 2,929. Total revenue through June 21, 2012 was \$24,796.00. The breakdown of the revenue was: Pool passes - \$15,426.000, Swim Team passes - \$1,565.00, Daily Attendance - \$7,515.00, Replacement Pass - \$10.00, Swimming Parties - \$280.00

3. The ADA ramps have arrived, but have not been installed. The refreshment stand is doing well. Mr. Lipari felt that the pool was moving in the right direction.

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there will be a meeting at the Sands on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be at Emeril's at a cost of \$30.00 per person. A tour of the facility will be included.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1192 – Allowing Berkheimer to Impose and Retain Costs of Collection on Delinquent Taxes. Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Resolution 1193 – Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Berkheimer as Collector for Delinquent EIT. Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

3. Resolution 1194 – Appointing a Liaison between Borough of Wilson and Berkheimer. Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$94,949.81 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY