

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JULY 9, 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  
David Williams

Winnie Howey  
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer  
Louis Starniri  
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 25, 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 St. Jane Frances de Chantal School requesting permission to close the alleyway between 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets behind the school for a one-mile run. The alley is the only practical place to hold the run. The ends of the course will be marked by a cone with an individual to move the cone for local traffic. By no means will the alleyway be blocked off by barricades to prevent local traffic from passing through. The dates requested to close the alley are: Tuesdays, August 28, 2012, September 4, 2012 and September 11, 2012 and Wednesdays: August 29, 2012, September 5, 2012 and September 12, 2012. Ms. Lohrman added that Physical Education Instructor questioned why the response letter included a statement about not having any one there to move the cones. Ms. Lohrman responded that there had been complaints about not having any one there to move the cones. She had come to work and the cones were there and no one was present. Motion to approve the request to close the alley by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams. Affirmative votes were cast by: Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. Feinberg. Motion carried by a seven to one vote.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Chief Parkansky informed Council that James Fritts has received a commendation from the Aggressive Driving Program.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.  
2. Mrs. Lohrman informed Council that the Wilson Baseball Association sponsored a softball tournament at Fisk Field over the weekend. Ms. Lohrman had received an email from Dave Hopkins, City of Easton Public Works Director, saying the attendees parked on the grass that is owned by the City and did not park in the Fisk Field parking lot. Mr. Hopkins would like this to stop. Most of the fence was knocked down and there was some damage done to the grass. Mr. Hopkins sent along pictures showing the parking at both Fisk Field and the property owned by the City. Mr. Drake had spoken to Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Drake will fix the fence. Mr. Hopkins stated that the City will be posting the lawn "No Parking" and violators will be fined and their cars towed. Ms. Lohrman added that there were pictures on Facebook that the baseball association had a picnic and it was held on the baseball field owned by the City. Permission was not granted by the City for the use of their property. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the baseball association was told at the beginning of the season that they were not to use the Easton property. The football association was also told that they could not use the property. Mr.

Jones stated that the association should pay for the expenses Mr. Drake incurs in fixing the fence and they should write a letter of apology to the City. Mr. Drake added they he was down at the field on Saturday morning and the trophies and metals were left out all night and the 3 wheel drag was not taken back to Jeffery Field. The bases and table are still out as of today and there is a grill in the refreshment stand. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer apologized for the actions of the baseball association. The matter will be discussed that next weeks Recreation Board meeting.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the possible community center renovations had been tabled several weeks ago. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer had spoken to Mr. Feinberg and they agreed that it would be better to just remove the one wall in the back to make room for coat racks. Mr. Drake felt that more lighting was needed in the area. A cabinet should be made for the sound system. Mr. McGowan made a Motion to leave the center the way it is. No Second was received. Mayor Perruso felt that if some of the stuff was moved from the coat room area that there would be more that enough room. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to remove the one wall to make room for a coat room. Second by Mr. Jones. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to have all the tables removed for the dances. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by Mr. McGowan and Mr. Williams. Motion carried by a six to two vote.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Jones have agreed to open and close the center for the intermediate school dances. There will be a checklist to make sure that the center is cleaned up after each dance. Mr. McGowan felt that the kids will tear the center apart. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the students are not allowed to leave the dance and reenter. There will be one chaperone for each 25 students. Mr. Williams responded that he talked to one of the Police Officers and was told that there are not that many chaperones. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that she had attended dances and there were that many chaperones. Ms. Howey added that she had picked kids up after the dances and there were problems when the kids leave the dance. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that they will give the dances a try and if it works. Any damage done to the center will be paid for by the associations.

##### FIRE:

None

##### POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky requested a very short Caucus on a matter of litigation.

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Drake for his help on Friday night and Saturday when the sewer pump failed at Fisk Field. Mr. Drake is checking to see if the pump is still under warranty.

2. Mr. Drake had prepared a Dress Code Policy for the Public Works Department. After the recent Safety Committee training, Mr. Drake felt it was important that the department stop wearing any loose or torn clothing. The policy would include cut off shorts. Motion to approve the policy by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. The Borough already has a policy regarding steel-tipped shoes.

3. Mr. Woodring inquired about the diagonal parking lines discussed several weeks ago for the north side of the 1700 block of Washington Blvd. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Starniri stated that the street is not the legal width to allow diagonal parking. The PA Code stated that the street must be 36' wide and the north side of the boulevard is only 32.9' wide. Chief Parkansky will speak to the business owners who had requested the diagonal parking. The diagonal parking on the south side of the street will remain unless it becomes a problem with accidents.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Steve Hoernle, Assistant Manager of Meuser Pool, had dropped off two lifeguard applications at the Borough Office this afternoon. Ms. Lohrman was instructed to forward the applications to Mr. Wililams for the committee to review.

##### ATTORNEY:

None

##### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan stated that MECAB was off for the summer.

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next COG meeting would be held on July 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Bethlehem Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Parkansky questioned whether Council would like to think about having the Pool personnel have Child Abuse checks. The clearances should be completed prior to employment at the pool. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer thought it would be a good idea to have all the employees checked. It could be done on line. Mr. Minotti suggested having a policy. Ms. Lohrman will check to see if PSAB has Child Abuse training programs. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to have all Pool employees complete Child Abuse checks. Second by Mr. Woodring. Ms. Howey volunteered to take her laptop over to the pool to do the checks. It is hoped that the checks will be completed within the next two weeks.

2. After a brief Caucus, Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to terminate Theodore Polomchak if he did not return to full duty in the Public Works Department by July 20, 2012. Second by Mr. Williams.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$339,736.09 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY