

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 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
Russ Lipari
Louis Starniri
Ryan Woodring

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
David Williams

ABSENT:

None

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 July 9, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Many Wilson Lions members were in attendance at the Council meeting to discuss the lock that was cut off of their storage unit at the community center. Supplies for fund raisers are kept in the storage unit. All the equipment that was in the kitchen had been moved to the basement. Several Lions could have been contacted to open up the storage unit, but the lock was cut instead. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that she had recently been told that there was storage rooms built in the basement without Council's permission or permits being pulled. She, Mr. Drake and Ms. Lohrman had gone to the center to look at the storage areas. One area was built under the steps and the other one was along the wall. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that she did not know who built them. Mr. Drake responded that he thought one of them belonged to the Lions. Mayor Perruso stated that many of the items in the basement belonged to the Borough, including coke canisters that were from the pool, paint cans and two toilets. Senior Bingo and AARP also have metal cabinets in the basement. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the building was the Borough's community center. Mr. Starniri stated that the storage unit matter could have come back to Council. Mr. Lipari suggested phone calls should have been made to see who the storage units belonged to. The locks that had been cut were put back on immediately. Mr. Barr stated that the Lions had permission from former Borough Manager, Walt Boran to put up the storage unit. Everyone agreed that L&I had said that if the basement was going to be used for storage, it had to be sprinklered. Mr. Corriere stated that the Lions had considered putting an addition on for storage, but they did not have the funds to do so. Mr. Corriere and the Lions have looked over the plans and they would like to build a storage area off the L shaped hallway off the kitchen. It would not be in the way of the exit. The work would be done by the Lions and at the Lions expense. Mr. McGowan reminded everyone that the land had been donated for a senior center and it was not to be used for kids and Council already approved dances at the center. Mr. Corriere felt that the new storage area would be large enough to put all the equipment in. Mr. McGowan felt that the office should stay where it is. The PA system is kept there. The Borough also needs a secure area in which to keep the voting machines. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to allow the Lions to put in the storage area. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer verified that the area would be used by both the Lions and the Boy Scouts. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by an eight to one vote. Mr. Donk Perruso agreed with Mr. McGowan that the office should stay where it is. Kids don't where coats any more and don't need a larger clock room. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that there was not enough room there. Mayor Perruso stated that there would be enough room if everything would be taken out of it. Mr. Barr requested Council to give the Lions 3 months time in order to give them enough time to remove their things from the basement. Council agreed, but the things in the office would have to be moved soon. Mayor Perruso stated that the dishes in the kitchen were given to the Lions. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that CDBG funds were used to purchase some of the kitchen appliances.

2. An unidentified man questioned if the Council minutes were on line. Mr. Feinberg responded that the minutes were on the Borough's website. The man added that he had been trying to contact Mr. Corriere since last week and was hoping to be able to speak to him.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a phone call from the owner of 2450 Forest Street. The house is a twin. There are property issues with the twin next door and the owner of that property is never around. The Borough does not have any contact information as it is listed as an owner occupied property. The two homes share a sewer line and it is causing problems at 2450 Forest Street. The line needs to be replaced and split. Mr. Feinberg suggested sending a registered letter to the other property owner. Mr. Minotti added that a second letter should be sent through the regular mail service. Mr. Feinberg added that the problem was a civil matter.

2. Mr. Starniri inquired about the problem with the bus stop at Antonia Towers. Ms. Lohrman had spoken to LANTA and the route that had been stopping at Antonia Towers once a week had been discontinued last year. If the residents that need transportation were senior citizens or disabled, they could use the share ride program to go to their appointments. Ms. Lohrman has provided Antonia Towers the information about the share ride program.

3. Mr. Drake has been having a problem with LANTA. They are moving their bus stops around and putting up new signage for their routes. Mr. Drake told them that they are not allowed to use our poles, but LANTA insists that they are a government agency and they can do whatever they want to do.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough was going to be getting any funds from Northampton County for its generator project. Grant emphasis was placed on supporting water supply and waste water treatment plants.

Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the new generator was expected tomorrow morning. A crane will be put in the parking lot in order to lift the generator onto the pad.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received information from LANTA concerning a plan for Enhanced Bus/Bus Rapid Transit improvements aimed at making the public transit system faster, more reliable and more efficient. They will be holding several open houses to provide an overview of the status of the plan. Ms. Lohrman will be attending one of the open houses on August 1, 2012. Ms. Lohrman will report back to Council after the meeting.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received a call from Bimbo Bakery. The bakery has a small amount of cash to use for a community project. The bakery suggested line painting and signage for the bike path. Ms. Lohrman explained to them that they would have to approach PennDot if they wished to pursue that project as Northampton Street was a PennDot road. They also suggested putting benches along the bike path. Ms. Lohrman and Mr. Drake had discussed doing that last year at budget time. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow Bimbo Bakery to put benches along the bike path. He suggested that Mr. Drake work with the bakery in order to find suitable spots for the benches. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

4. Ms. Lohrman requested a short Caucus on a personnel matter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that the pool is doing very well. The weather has been cooperative. 67% of the revenue budget has been realized. 27% of the budgeted expenditures have been spent. Mr. Lipari thanked Mr. Drake for all his work at the pool. The Pool Manager has now been licensed for chemicals. Therefore Mr. Drake will have to spend less time at the pool.

2. The next Dip-N-Dance will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

3. Mr. Lipari inquired about the Wilson Vikings approaching the school district about using one of

the fields for practice. Mr. Lipari asked about using Jeffery Field. Mr. Jones responded that baseball plays fall ball and the soccer program uses Jeffery Field in the fall.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti will be filing for several exceptions with the county assessment office for municipal reasons.
2. Mr. Minotti has received information concerning municipal derivatives. He does not think the Borough has any.
3. Mr. Minotti also has received a client alert on the deadline extensions being extended again until 2016. This includes any approvals the Borough has made.

MECAB:

1. MECAB will not meet again until September.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$324,127.82 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY