

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 19, 2011

A Workshop Meeting of the Council Of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Leonard Feinberg, President Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
 Russ Lipari James McGowan
 Louis Starniri David Williams

ABSENT: Winnie Howey, David Jones, Bob Reiss

Mr. Feinberg informed Council that there were three items that Council members had submitted to Ms. Lohrman that they felt the Lions should be complying with. Borough Council does not have to negotiate with the Lions on these or other items.

The Lions Club did not have the respect for Borough Council to notify the Borough in advance that they would not be coming to tonight's meeting. The Workshop was scheduled a month ago. The Lions have elected not to come.

Mr. McGowan responded to Mr. Verenna's comment from a previous meeting concerning when the Public Works Department puts up the snow fence. Mr. McGowan stated that he did not think that the snow fence existed anymore. He also did not feel that the department should be putting up the fence. The Public Works Department has been helping the Lions for years without Council's blessing. Every year the requests kept growing. Mr. Starniri felt that it's getting to the point that it is ridiculous.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the Lions keep saying that they give so much back to the community, but they do not tell anyone how much they take from the community. The Lions charge non-profit groups such as the Wilson Football Association and the Wilson Soccer Association \$250.00 to have a spot at the fair. The Band is charged \$300.00 for the pavilion. They also charge the Swim Team \$200.00 for the use of a parking lot. However, the Lions get the use of the park and parking lot at no cost to them. The Borough also pays for the electric at the pavilions during the fair.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer reminded Council that the Lions building at the park was moved from the school district's property and put in Meuser Park without the knowledge or permission of Borough Council as a whole. Mr. Starniri added that one day it appeared. Mr. Lipari felt that maybe the Borough could find a use for it. Mr. Starniri responded that the Borough did not want it. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the Lions emblem is on the pavilion, the building at the park and the community center.

The new pavilion at the park has a kitchen and restroom in it and yet it is not allowed to be used by the public. The kitchen facility has been used by Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and BlockWatch, but only with permission from Lions members. The Borough pays for all of the expenses incurred at the pavilion, including paying for the electric used for the Lions to make the fried dough and funnel cake at the fair.

The Lions still have not paid the invoice for Police Services for the fair. Council felt that the Lions should pay the additional 30% as the school district, St. Jane's School and anyone else who uses their services pays.

It was suggested that a separate meter be placed on the small pavilion. Council felt that it should stay as it currently is, but the Lions should pay for the additional electric used during the fair.

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to present the Lions a list of requirements for allowing them to continue to use the park for the fair. The requirements are: no manpower or equipment from the Borough of Wilson will be used to set-up, run or take down the Annual Wilson Borough Lions Fair without fair compensation to the Borough; the Lions will pay the normal rental fees for the use of the park facilities; fire extinguishers will be present at each and every food stand; the Lions will pay the additional 30% for Police Services; and, the Lions will pay for the additional electric used at the small pavilion during the fair.

With no further business to conduct, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri.

Transcribed from a tape.

Karen A. Lohrman
Borough Secretary