

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 13, 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:

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| Leonard Feinberg | Winnie Howey |
| David Jones | Joan Lilly-Kemmerer |
| Russ Lipari | James McGowan |
| Louis Starniri | Ryan Woodring |

ABSENT:

David Williams

Also present were: Chief Michael Collins, Director of Public Works Greg Drake,
Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Lynn McLaughlin, owner of a rental property on N. 16th Street, appeared before Council asking for some assistance in a bed bug problem on her property. There are bed bugs in the property next to hers and they are coming into her property. Mrs. McLaughlin has already had the exterminator at the house. Mrs. McLaughlin requested Council to pass an ordinance that requires landlord to have their properties treated. The landlord next to her refuses to cooperate and have his house treated. There is the Commonwealth does not have anything mandating the treatment of bed bugs. Mr. Corriere and Mr. Veresink do not have anything either. Ms. Lohrman was asked to contact PSAB and see if they have an ordinance concerning bed bugs.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A thank you note was received from Mary Lou and Jim McGowan for the beautiful planter.
2. A letter was received from Hal and Joy Moore requesting permission to close off the alley behind 2144 Freemansburg Avenue on Saturday, August 25, 2012 for a wedding reception. Motion by Mr. Starniri to deny the request as requests for street closures for personal reasons have been previously denied. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Mr. Jones responded that Mr. Moore had been approved for closures before. His property is located in both Wilson Borough and West Easton. Some Council members felt that it sets a bad precedent to allow street or alley closures for one family's benefit. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the alley closure. Second by Mr. Jones. Affirmative votes were cast by: Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri. Motion carried by a five to three vote.
3. A request was received from the Easton Area Democratic Committee requesting permission to hold Holiday Celebration on Saturday, 8, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the community center. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion deny the request as the Borough has a policy to only allow the Borough residents to rent the center. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. Motion carried by a five to three vote.
4. Ms. Lohrman acknowledged a letter from Angel Ackerman, President of Mary Meuser Library Board of Trustees. The Board is having attendance problems at board meetings. The letter addresses the manner in which the Board is addressing the problem.
5. A letter was received from the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development informing the Borough that the CDBG application for the camera installation project for Fisk Field would not be included in Northampton County's funding recommendation. Mrs. Lohrman added that the Borough had already been informed of the County's decision and the Borough had already applied for funding for the project through Uncommitted Gaming Funds.
6. Three bids were received for Fire Chief vehicle. They are as follows:
Desiree Diaz - \$1,021.21
Lisa Guth - \$450.00
Ted Covington Sales - \$913.00

Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to award the bid to the highest bidder, Desiree Diaz. Second by Mr. Woodring.

7. An email was received from Rosie Amato requesting permission to use Fisk Field for two Girls Soccer matches on Friday, August 31, 2012 and Saturday, September 8, 2012. JV matches will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Varsity will begin at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Lohrman added that the Midget Football teams had home games scheduled on both weekends. Mr. Jones stated that he had spoken to Mr. Amato and while the fields are marked differently, it should not be a problem for either team. Many athletic facilities have both markings. Mr. Jones added that the school district employees will make sure that the field will be cleaned up and the goals posts taken down and put back up. Mr. McGowan took exception that Mr. Jones had spoken to Mr. Amato prior to the matter being brought to Council. Mr. McGowan stated that Council had been told that the use of Fisk Field by the Girls Soccer team was a one time request. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the Football Association had to pay the school district \$400.00 for each home game when they played at the high school. Mr. Lipari responded that the Borough should be proud that the school district wanted to use the field. Motion by Mr. McGowan to deny the use of Fisk Field for the Girls Soccer matches. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes for the denial of the use of the field by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Jones and Mr. Lipari. Motion carried by a six to two vote.

8. The Borough received a letter from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to have a banner put across Northampton Street to advertise for the Fall Greek Food Festival. The event will be held at the church from October 5, 2012 to October 7, 2012. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Emergency Management Director Joe Sipel had completed FEMA paperwork in order to apply for funds to reimburse the Borough for costs incurred in the storm last August. The Borough was approve and will be receiving \$2,208.14 in the next few weeks.

2. Ms. Lohrman had attended a public open house to review LANta's plan for Enhanced Bus/Bus Rapid Transit (EB/BRT) improvements on August 1, 2012. The improvements include ways to make the system faster, more reliable and more efficient. After the study is completed, LANta will look at the costs and decide what improvements will be done.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council about some recent problems at Meuser Park with a family bringing a smoker on a trailer into the park and on-going parking issues. The family that brought in the smoker will no longer be allowed to rent a pavilion. Many of the problems the Borough is having at the park are from people renting the pavilions that do not live in Wilson Borough. Ms. Lohrman asked Council if they wish to continue to allow non- Borough residents to rent the pavilions. Mr. Drake stated that he had signs made for "No Parking" in the park, but had not put them up. He also has signs for "Parking for Concerts Only". Motion by Mr. Starniri to authorize Mr. Drake to put up the signs. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the generator will be put in service this weekend. Mr. Feinberg stated that Met-Ed would be here this weekend, but UGI will not be here until later. The new generator will be up and running shortly.

5. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the contractor had started the crosswalk project last week. Mr. Drake stated that the project is moving along. The project should be completed shortly after school starts. The curb cuts will be completed first.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that his last two hires have started their Fire I training in Bucks County.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones had been in contact with the President of Football concerning goal post pads. They are required in order to play football at Fisk Field. Football did manage to borrow a set of pads from the high school for the scrimmage last week, but the Borough needs to purchase a set for Fisk Field. The cost is

\$349.00 each. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer had spoken to Mr. Drake and there are funds available in the Land Improvement line item. Motion to purchase the goal post pads by Mr. Jones. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a seven to one vote. Mr. Drake will check the prices of a vendor in Quakertown.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that the pool had three successful Dip-N-Dances this summer. There were lots of teenagers at the last dance. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer suggested having a dance later in evening and charge separately for the dance. Ms. Howey added that several people who had attended National Night Out felt a later time for the dances would be a good idea.

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer opened the discussion on the Wilson Borough Recreation Board Fundraising Dance Discipline Policy. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will be opening and closing the center for the dances. A checklist will be provided for each association to complete after the dance. Mr. McGowan did not feel that the Public Works Department should have to remove all the tables before each dance. Mr. Drake responded that the department always makes sure that the center is clean and ready to go each weekend. Mr. McGowan did not feel that the renters should have to set up the tables after the dance. Mr. Drake stated that he would volunteer to come in over the weekend and set up the tables. Mr. McGowan questioned the use of "Borough Liaison" in the policy. A generic term was used for the future when the liaison may not be Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer or Mr. Jones. Mr. McGowan did not feel that it was a good idea that there was not a Police Officer present during the enter dance. The Officer will only stop by the dance periodically. Any damages will be billed to the association sponsoring the dance. Mr. McGowan felt the Recreation Board should be billed for any damages to the center after the dances. Mr. Lipari asked about the dress code. The chaperones will judge what is inappropriate dress. The dance will only be open to Wilson Borough Intermediate School students. Ms. Howey added that the school provided the associations with students who are on suspension and are not allowed to attend the dances. Motion to approve the Wilson Borough Recreation Board Fundraising Discipline Policy by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a seven to one vote.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about how Mr. Drake made out at Home Depot and the shed. Mr. Drake responded that they were willing to donate several \$25.00 gift cards. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked if the small building at the park could be moved to Fisk Field for storage. The building had been used for storage when the school district had the building. Mr. Drake stated that the building was on block, but brick was put up around the block. Mr. Drake would have to remove some of the block to see what condition the building is in. It would have to be moved on a rollback. The electric would also have to be removed. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to have Mr. Drake get estimates for the next meeting to have the building moved to Fisk Field. Then Council could compare the price with the purchase of a new shed. Second by Ms. Howey.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$237,973.14 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri 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