

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 27, 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: 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 August 13, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter of resignation was received from Jason A. Hillis. Officer Hillis has accepted a position as a full-time Police Officer with the Allentown Police Department. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept Mr. Hillis' resignation. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that she and Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer had met a few weeks ago in order to complete a questionnaire on policies. Benencon, the Borough's health insurance cooperative manager, would complete the policies at no cost, based on the questionnaire. Three policies were created: Disability Leave of Absence Policy, Military Leave of Absence Policy and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) Policy and Workers' Compensation Policy. Mr. Minotti questioned the Disability Leave Policy. Ms. Lohrman stated that the policy was based on past practice and the Borough's Family and Medical Leave policy. If the employee is injured outside the workplace and the employee has used up the Family and Medical leave, vacation and accrued sick time, no additional leave would be granted. There had been an issue recently with this criteria and the Borough was not willing to grant additional leave. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to adopt the three policies. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman stated that she was planning on making manuals up for the employees as they Borough had adopted policies over the years, but there was not a central place where they all are found. Mr. Starniri felt that the policies should be put out every year.

2. Ms. Lohrman inquired if anyone was interested to attending the PSAB Fall Conference. Mr. McGowan, Mayor Perruso and Mr. Starniri will be attending. Ms. Lohrman will make the reservations this week.

3. Ms. Lohrman has given all the department heads copies of their budgets and requested that their 2013 budget requests be submitted to her by September 28, 2012.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

1. Mr. McGowan stated that the Minutes of the Recreation Board show that the Police will be stopping by the dances at the community center three or four times during the event. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that they were asking to have the officers stop by rather than have them present. Chief Parkansky stated that he would like to have an officer at each dance no matter if the dance was at the school or at the center. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Jones agreed to have an officer present at the dances.

Mr. McGowan felt that the Recreation Board should be responsible for any damage done to the center. Each association will be responsible for any damage that occurs during a dance that they are sponsoring. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that each association will be paying a \$75.00 clean up charge. Mr. McGowan responded that Council never agreed to that. Ms. Lohrman stated that Council had agreed to a fee for clean up weeks ago

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones stated that the ejector pump at Fisk Field had broken down during yesterday's football game and water had backed up in the refreshment stand. The games were moved to Heil Park. Mr. Drake was in contact with the plumber. The refreshment stand had already been sanitized and the floor will be repainted tomorrow. Mr. Lipari added that the games were not moved to Williams Township as they required proper insurance before the games could start. Mr. Lipari stated that there was garbage left on Heil field after the games were over. Mr. Drake stated that he would be meeting the plumber tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. He will be checking with the plumber and see if the pump that was installed is one that will work is only used once in a while rather than one used every day.

Mr. Drake informed Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer that Bergey's had not received a certificate of insurance for the use of their lot for parking during football games. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that it was to have been faxed on Friday. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will make sure that Bergey's receives the insurance certificate.

Mr. Jones would like to put one or two port-a-potties at Fisk Field, one of them handicapped, in case the sewer pump does not work again. He would like to have them there until the end of the season. Mr. McGowan felt that the Rec Board should pay for the port-a-potties. Mr. Jones thought that the potties cost \$125.00 per month. Mr. Drake stated that it should cost less than \$500.00. Motion to rent the port-a-potties for Fisk Field. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. 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. Jones stated that the parking for the game was alright, but it would have been fine if the Bergey's lot could have been used. The City of Easton had granted permission to use their lot for the games.

Mr. Jones would like to meet with Wilson School Board officials in order to review the lease agreement for the middle school fields. It is a 25 year lease and there are new people on Council and the school board. Mr. Jones made a Motion to have himself, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Woodring and Ms. Lohrman meet with the school district. Second by Mr. Williams. Ms. Lohrman will set up the meeting.

Mr. Lipari inquired as to who was responsible for putting seats up in the announcers both at Fisk Field. Mr. Drake responded that he can bring some chairs over from the Hay Terrace building. Mr. Drake was directed to bring over six chairs.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a matter of litigation after the Council Meeting.

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman had contacted Shelley Houk at PSAB concerning the bed bug problem. She does not have any ordinances on bed bugs. Shelley thought that it may come under the health department's jurisdiction. Ms. Lohrman checked with the City of Easton and they only supply general information. It is the landlord's responsibility to take care of any bed bug problems. Mr. Feinberg inquired about the Property Maintenance Code. Chief Collins responded that if the bed bug infestation occurs after the tenant has moved in, it is a civil matter.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Drake if he had had the opportunity to take a look at the storage shed at Meuser Park. She had requested that it be moved to Fisk Field. Mr. Drake responded that he had taken a corner off the brick and the wood was rotted underneath. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to have the shed taken down and removed. Mr. Drake will need to have an electrician remove the 440 electric line first. Second by Mr. Jones. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri. Mr. Starniri added that he had voted in the Negative as there was work to be completed prior to the shed being taken down.

Mr. Drake informed Council it would cost approximately \$3,500.00 to purchase a shed at Green Acres for Fisk Field. Mr. McGowan felt that a 20' container would be adequate for storage.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Corriere informed Council that he and the Wilson Borough Planning Commission along with assistance from Stacy Yoder from Boucher & James had completed a draft of the new Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance is ready to be advertised. Each Council member will receive a copy of the draft ordinance in the next week. Motion to advertise the draft Zoning Ordinance by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$85,669.74 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY