

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 10, 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
Russ Lipari
Ryan Woodring

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri, 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 August 27, 2012 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Woodring.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Suzanne Cochran of 2406 Birch Street informed Council that when the Fisk Field sewer pump backed up, the Wilson Football Association lost \$276.00 in food items. Ms. Cochran asked Council if they would be willing to reimburse the association for the items. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that it was not the association's fault that the pump was not working. Motion to reimburse the football association by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a six to one vote. Mr. McGowan asked Ms. Lohrman where the money was coming from. Ms. Lohrman responded that the funds could come for the Fisk Field line item. Mr. McGowan stated that the line item was already overdrawn. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. McGowan where the funds come from for the PSAB conferences. Mr. McGowan responded that the Borough Code says that the Borough will pay for the expenses.

2. Lynn McLaughlin appeared before Council concerning her problem with bed bugs. She will no longer have any tenants in her property on N. 16th St. if the bed bug problem is not taken care of. Ms. McLaughlin stated that New Jersey is trying to put #3203 into law. The only problem is they left out a provision on row homes. There are no Borough's in the commonwealth that have bed bug ordinances. Mr. Feinberg stated that if the Borough Code does not specifically allow a Borough the power to do something, then the Borough cannot do it. Ms. McLaughlin replied that she cannot afford to keep paying for an exterminator when the property owner on the other side will not have his apartments exterminated. Mr. Minotti responded that even if the Borough enacted an ordinance for bed bugs, it may not be legal. Ms. McLaughlin said that she had spoken to the PA Health Department and someone had told her that a Borough did have the power. Mr. Lipari suggested that Mr. Minotti check to see if the Borough could do an ordinance. The Borough could set a precedent. Mr. Woodring suggested to Ms. McLaughlin that she begin legal action against the neighboring landlord as it would take some time to enact an ordinance if the Borough had the power to do so.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A thank you letter was received from Charles McGarvey for allowing St. Jane's School to close the alley for their annual 1 mile run. The Presidents Challenge is being held on several Tuesday and Wednesday in September.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received two handicapped parking applications. The addresses are: 2447 Hay Street and 1532 Spruce Street. Chief Parkansky has verified that all criteria for handicapped parking has been met. Motion by Mr. Woodring to approved the two handicapped parking applications. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the figures for the 2013 MMOs for the pension plans. The figures are as follows:

- Fire Pension - \$10,142.35
- Non-Uniform Pension - \$32,589.70
- Police Pension - \$98,638.51

Ms. Lohrman will include these figures in the 2013 budget.

Mr. McGowan questioned if the Borough received State Aid for the Police Pension MMO. Ms. Lohrman responded that the Borough has in the past received enough State Aid to cover all three pension plans. The Commonwealth would like the MMOs paid in January, but the Borough does not have the funds until after the real estate tax bills are mailed. Ms. Lohrman typically pays the MMOs in the spring. State Aid is not received until October 1st of each year.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had received a telephone call from Alicia Karner concerning the Borough's 2012 Uncommitted Gaming Grant Application. Northampton County had received 29 applications for funding. All the applications received were for allowable projects. The County decided to supply each applicant 55% of the grant requested. The Borough will be receiving a check in the amount of \$19,975.45 for the Fisk Field camera. The Borough's share would be for \$16,343.55. The check will be received after the contract has been executed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a matter of litigation.

MECAB:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on September 26, 2012 in Wilson Borough. The topic of discussion would be the new Borough Code. Mayor Perruso questioned if the Boy Scouts would be using the community center on that date. Chief Collins stated that the Fire Department was holding a class in the center during the day. Mr. Corriere responded that the Boy Scouts had not used the building over the summer. He would check with the Boy Scouts and see if they were using it in the evening on September 26, 2012.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the new generator was installed and running. The old generator along with the pad has yet to be removed.

2. Mr. Lipari has been approached by the Partners in Education, part of the Wilson Area School

District, to see if the Borough would be interested in making a donation to their fundraiser. The event would be held on November 10, 2012. Mayor Perruso and Mr. Feinberg responded that the Borough has never given a donation to any cause.

3. Mr. Lipari understands that the community center can only be rented by the residents of Wilson Borough. Mr. Lipari would like to allow the residents within the Wilson Area School District permission to rent the center. Allowing others to use the center could be another source of revenue. Council responded that only Wilson Borough residents contribute to the facility. Problems had occurred when people outside the Borough rented the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$139,396.88 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Woodring.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY