

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 22, 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 Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Chief Michael Collings, Assistant Director of Public Works Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 8, 2012 Council Meeting and the October 17, 2012 Workshop were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Harold Heffner of 1625 Butler Street appeared before Council to discuss a garbage problem on Filbert Street. There is a dumpster located behind a 10 unit apartment building at the corner of S. 17th Street and Filbert Street in a parking lot. The dumpster was moved in order to perform some work on the parking lot. When the dumpster was moved back into position, garbage was left behind. Tenants are still putting garbage outside the dumpster. Raccoons, skunks and possums are attracted to the garbage. Mr. Corriere responded that he contacted Waste Management in order to pick up the garbage. The work will be billed separately from the monthly bill in order for the Borough to reclaim the funds for the pickup. Mr. Corriere checked some of the bags and there was mail inside from someone on Delaware Drive. Mr. Corriere will contact Waste Management again about the pickup. Mr. Heffner also stated that the whole neighborhood was putting out their garbage every day instead of every Wednesday evening.

2. Barbara Nardella of 2236 Ferry Street appeared before Council to discuss a problem with a housing rehab project that was done on her house several years ago. Scott Williamson was hired to replace the main slate roof with shingles. Several windows on the side of the house were also replaced. The house began leaking within three months of the work being completed. Mr. Corriere has had Mr. Williamson come back to fix the problem, but the house is still leaking. Ms. Nardella has gotten estimate for \$1,900.00 from another contractor to fix the leaks. Ms. Nardella does not want Mr. Williamson working on the house any longer. She cannot afford to pay for the repairs herself. Ms. Nardella added that the other contractor said that the flashing around the windows was not installed correctly. It was tilted inward. Two of the ceilings were ruined from the leaks. Mr. Corriere stated that he called his contact in Harrisburg and the Borough could not use any additional funds to do the repairs since the original work was completed over a year ago. Mr. Corriere stated that the front dormer was not done by Mr. Williamson. Mr. Corriere said that Ms. Nardella had signed off the work. The roof began leaking within 3 months of the project being completed. The Borough does not have any funds for emergency repairs. Mr. Williamson was on the list of qualified contractors. Ms. Nardella chose several contractors off the list. Mr. Williamson was the lowest bidder. Ms. Nardella stated that she was not given the opportunity to look at the other bids and see if she would pay the difference for another contractor to do the work. Mr. Woodring added that his mother had Mr. Williamson do work on her home and there were also problems with the work done. Mr. Jones felt that the problem was with the flashing and windows and not with the roof. Ms. Nardella stated that Mr. Corriere had said that he would be holding an emergency meeting with the committee to discuss her problem. The meeting was never held. Mr. Williamson was not at the meeting tonight in order for Council to discuss the matter with him. Ms. Nardella has contacted her homeowner's insurance company. They are willing to pay for the repairs to the ceiling, but only if the leaks are fixed. Mr. Minotti was hoping to work the matter out amicably. Mr. Starniri questioned if any warranty was issued. There was a one year warranty on the work. There is a manufacture's warranty on the product. The shingles do not seem to be the problem. Ms. Nardella is hoping that Council can help her with her problem.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested permission to close the Borough Office on Black Friday, November 23, 2012. Office staff will be using their Floating Holiday in compensation. Motion to approve request to close the office by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that 2013 Budget Meetings will be held on: November 12, 2012, November 21, 2012, November 26, 2012, December 10, 2012, December 19, 2012 and December 27, 2012. Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

3. Ms. Lohrman stated that Mr. Minotti has requested a Caucus on two separate personnel matters.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested permission to rehire Brian Hart as a part-time driver. Mr. Hart would like to come back to the department. He would be put back as a driver once he is reacclimated. Motion to rehire Mr. Hart by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. McGowan has not received any information concerning the next MECAB meeting.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$423,426.52 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari 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