

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

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

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Williams

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Director of Public Works Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 11, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter of resignation from the Wilson Borough Police Department was received from Michael Vernotica effective January 21, 2013.
2. A letter of resignation from the Wilson Borough Recreation Board was received from Robin Van Buskirk.
3. A letter was received from the Avona Elementary School PTA requesting a donation for their Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wilson Area High School.
4. Wilson Recreation Board received a letter from the Avona Elementary School PTA requesting the donation of 2 resident family swim passes for their Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wilson Area High School.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman stated that the reservations were made of the PSAB 102nd General Assembly of Boroughs. Mr. McGowan and Mayor Perruso would be attending. Mr. Starniri added that he would be attending the Policies and Resolution Committee meeting, but would not be attending the conference. Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Mr. McGowan as the Borough's Voting Delegate and Mayor Perruso as the Borough's Alternate Delegate. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.
2. Ms. Lohrman presented certificate of deposit rates from local financial institutions for a CD that was maturing at Merchants Bank on March 5, 2013. Mr. McGowan made a Motion to renew the CD at Merchants Bank for a term of 42 months at a rate of 1% with an annual interest check. Second by Mr. Woodring.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that the Police contract had been settled, but the Fire contract will expire this year. Negotiations will be coming up shortly.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that he and Chief Parkansky had been looking at stop signs that are posted in the Borough. All signs must be high intensity signs by 2014. In several locations in the Borough, there are stop signs on both sides of the street. There does not seem to be any pattern of why two signs are posted. Chief Parkansky verified that stop signs only are required on the right side of the street. Mr. Drake would like to only replace the signs on the right side of the street and remove the others. It would be cheaper to do that. Mr. Jones suggested leaving the signs on the left side up. Mr. Drake responded that if they were left, they would have to be replaced with the high intensity signs. Mr. Drake is getting the old signs refaced. Mr. Lipari questioned if "Do Not Enter" signs were required on both sides of the entrance. Mr. Drake stated that all the signs need to be replaced. Motion to replace the signs on the right side of the street. Second by Mr. Starniri.

2. Mr. Drake is still looking into the problem at short alley.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that three members of his committee informally met before the Council meeting. Mr. Woodring felt that Meuser Park is an underutilized gem. The committee would like to make it more user friendly. Mr. Lipari stated that they committee would like to provide ways for the kids to have fun at the park over the summer and yet be supervised. Mr. Lipari will be talking to Mr. Frankenfield about the basketball program he runs in Williams Township. Mr. Lipari will also be talking to Rep. Bob Freeman about possible grant funding. The committee will be further discussing the matter prior to bringing it back to Council.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has prepared a draft of the amendment to the street opening ordinance. Mr. Drake has reviewed the document and found it acceptable. Motion by Mr. Jones to advertise the amendment for passage in March, 2013. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Mr. Minotti has spoken to one of the school district attorneys concerning the lease for athletic fields. Mr. Minotti will be writing a letter to the attorney with his concerns. Mr. Minotti would like to go back to the verbiage in the old lease which contained no enforcement provisions.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Northampton.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. In response to the request for a donation by the Avona PTA, Mr. Starniri reminded Council that the Borough cannot donate as a group. Individual donations by Council members are allowed.

2. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Vernotica from the Wilson Borough Police Department with regrets. Second by Mr. Lipari. Ms. Lohrman was instructed to send a letter.

3. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to accept the resignation of Robin Van Buskirk from the Wilson Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Lipari. A request for letters of interest will be put on the Borough's website.

4. Mr. Starniri inquired about the building at the park that was to be taken down. Mr. Drake responded that the electricity had been turned off. The building would be taken down in the spring.

5. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired as to why there was still Boy Scout stuff in the downstairs of the

community center. Mr. Drake will check into the matter as he thought that everything had been removed from the basement. Ms. Lohrman will check into the AARP items still remaining in the basement.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1199 – Municipal Park Acquisition and Development Grant for Fisk Field Camera. Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.
2. Resolution 1200 – Municipal Park Acquisition and Development Grant for 24th Street Bike Path. Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Lipari.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$81,114.59 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY