

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
APRIL 22, 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  
Ryan Woodring

Winnie Howey  
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer  
James McGowan  
David Williams

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Michael Collins, Chief Steven Parkansky, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere, Director of Public Works Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 8, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Dan Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Memorial Library, presented the 2012 Annual Director's Report to Borough Council. Mr. Redington reviewed the highlights of the year. He informed Council that the library board is investigating changing the façade of the building facilitated by the front windows being vandalized. Mr. Starniri questioned the age of the users of the library. Mr. Redington responded that 59% adults and 41% juveniles were using the facility. Not all the juvenile usage was from reading. It also included children's programs. The use of Ebooks was discussed. The library is not involved in them as they are presently cost prohibitive.

2. The last of the concerts has been booked. The schedule is at the printers. Mr. Redington is looking for a backup location for one or two of the concerts in case of bad weather.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. An email was received from Dan Redington notifying the Borough of a vacancy on the Board due to the death of William Yarka.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received four letters of interest from citizens interested in the open seat on the library board. The letters were read in the order they were received.

Richard Moser – 1700 Lehigh Street  
Becka Bossons – 2220 Northampton Street  
Shannon Heckman – 1829 Fairview Avenue  
Liesel Dreisbach-Williams – 25 Tumble Creek Road

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Richard Moser to the library board. No Second was received.

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Becka Bossons to the library board. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Motion was defeated by a six to three vote.

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Shannon Heckman to the library board. Second by Mr. Jones. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones and Mr. McGowan. Negative votes were cast by: Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. Motion was defeated by a six to three vote.

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Liesel Dreisbach-Williams to the library board. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman brought to Council's attention that there was a Council meeting scheduled for Memorial Day, May 27, 2013. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to cancel the meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman will be allowed to pay the bills prior to the first Council meeting in June.

2. Ms. Lohrman announced that there would be a Police Pension Board meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

3. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the information concerning CDBG 2013 applications. The deadline for submitting a full application is 4:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013. Ms. Lohrman mentioned that Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer was interested in putting in a sidewalk along S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street from the end of Arby's sidewalk to the bike path. Mr. Jones agreed that it was unsafe having people walk along the dirt path. Mr. Feinberg did not feel the project would be approved by the county. The area is not low income area and the sidewalk is in the PennDot right-of-way. Housing Rehab is now being done county wide, not through any municipalities. Mr. Corriere suggested redoing the sidewalks on Forest Street between S. 21<sup>st</sup> and S. 23<sup>rd</sup> where a sewer line runs underneath the sidewalks. The walks are in terrible shape. The curb cuts around the schools and parks have already been completed. Chief Collins stated that the roof is still leaking in the fire garage. Mr. Feinberg requested Council to think about possible projects for the next Council meeting.

4. Ms. Lohrman reported that she had contacted Che Mechanical regarding the quote on the Fisk Field hood installation. Ms. Lohrman stated that they were not willing to provide a quote that was not according to the plans the architect had drawn up. Mr. Jones added that ASL had provided a quote on doing the job in a less expensive route, but not according to the plans. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to have the plans redone in a less expensive manner. Second by Mr. Jones.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that Kevin Cooper will be finishing his First Responder training. Chief Collins would like to move him up to the driver's list. Motion by Mr. Starniri to add Kevin Cooper to the driver's list. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Chief Collins informed Council that he had received the grant money for the new thermal imaging camera.

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones informed Council that the committee had met prior to this evenings meeting. Mr. Jones will prepare a report for the next meeting.

2. Mr. Drake informed Council that the building at the park had been taken down.

3. Mr. Drake stated that the road to Jeffrey Field had been repaved.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari had information prepared for the hiring of the pool personnel. Three of the four committee members had agreed on the hiring the personnel, but one member had not agreed. The committee would be having a meeting to discuss the personnel issue. Hiring the staff at the next meeting would not give them much time before the pool opens. Mr. Lipari requested permission to hire the staff prior to the next meeting if the committee came to a consensus. Mr. Starniri and Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that only Council had the authority to hire and fire and the approval to hire the pool staff would have to wait until the next Council meeting.

##### ATTORNEY:

None

##### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on Wednesday,

April 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in North Catasauqua.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned whether or not the matter with the new lease with the school district had been resolved. Mr. Minotti responded that the Borough had executed the lease, but the school district had not sent an executed copy back to the Borough. The school district will be putting up a permanent softball fence that will limit the space that can be used for football practice. One team may be able to practice on the field, but not if they redo the grass. Mr. Minotti stated that the school district has first priority on the use of the fields. If they not going to allow us to use the field, they should indicate that to the Borough. Mr. Jones responded that he would be talking to Mr. Amato about the use of the field.

2. Mr. Jones mentioned that the soccer coach is complaining about the lack of fields. A question arose about the size of the lot the Borough received from Palmer Township for the bike path. Mr. Feinberg thought it was about 9000 square feet. Ms. Lohrman will check the records to see what the size of the field is. Mr. Drake added that his department will be assisting the City of Easton on paving the bike path.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg had a recent conversation with Mr. Williams concerning the Housing Rehab Committee. Mr. Williams would like to resign from the committee. Mr. Woodring would like to serve on the committee. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Mr. Woodring to the Housing Rehab Committee. Second by Mr. Starniri.

1. Mr. Minotti explained to Council that everything was in order for the Patient First project. He had prepared the Developer's Agreement and reviewed the the Line of Credit paperwork. The Line of Credit includes engineering fees and legal fees. The Highway Occupancy Permit is in process. The preconstruction meeting will be held this Friday, May 26, 2013. Mr. Feinberg stated that the developer had hoped to have the project completed by December.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$481,686.84 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Williams made a Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY