

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MAY 13, 2013

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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

Winnie Howey
Russ Lipari
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Jones, Louis Starniri, David Williams

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 22, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Don Meadows from Calvary Baptist Church appeared before Council to request the use of Meuser Park from June 17, 2013 to June 21, 2013 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a summer Bible Camp with students from Wilson Elementary, Avona Elementary and Williams Township Elementary. The students are members of an after-school Bible Club. Approximately 50 children will attend the camp. There is no cost to the students. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the church is not located in Wilson Borough. Mr. Woodring responded that the students are from the Borough. Ms. Lohrman stated that one of the pavilions is already rented on that Friday. Mr. Meadows responded that they would work around the booking. Motion to approve request by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Lipari. Proper insurance will be provided. Mr. Lipari verified that the volunteers assisting with the camp have the proper background checks.

2. Zackery Fuller of 2124 Hay Street appeared before Council in order to discuss his \$800.00 sewer and garbage bill. Mr. Fuller has been unemployed and has four children. He recently got another job and would like to set up a payment schedule. Mr. Feinberg responded that Council does not make payment schedules. Mr. Minotti inquired when Mr. Fuller could make payments. Mr. Fuller felt he could pay off the account in two months. Ms. Lohrman explained to Council that the Delinquent notices and Final notices were mailed several weeks ago. Ms. Guth would be sending out Shut-Off Notices on Friday. The residents would have ten days to pay off the accounts and those that didn't pay would be turned over to the water company. The process will take about three weeks to complete. Mr. Fuller did not know if he would be able to pay off the account in three weeks. He will see what he can do.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Kevin Coyle of 2244 Third Street requesting consideration for appointment to the open seat on Wilson Recreation Board.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer explained to Council that a current member of the Recreation Board had missed three consecutive meetings. The Rec Board by-laws state that a member of the Board could be removed if three meetings were missed. The Secretary of the Rec Board sent the member of the Board a letter concerning the missed meetings. The Board member did not respond and missed a fourth meeting. The Recreation Board has removed the board member for his attendance record. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Kevin Coyle to the Wilson Recreation Board. Second by Ms. Howey. Motion to appoint Mr. Coyle to the Recreation Board was unanimously passed.

2. A letter from Calvary Baptist Church was received requesting permission to use Meuser Park for a Bible Camp. The matter was already discussed under Presentation of Matters by Residents and Taxpayers Present.

3. Bids were received for two Housing Rehabilitation projects. They are as follows:
HRH10-12

S.J. Sawyer & Co. - \$14,624.00
Inside Out Contracting - \$13,200.00

HRH10-15

S.J. Sawyer & Co. - \$6,990.00
Inside Out Contracting - \$6,275.00

The bids will be forwarded to the Housing Rehab Committee for review.

Mr. Corriere stated that five bid packets were sent out for project HRH10-12 and six or seven went out for project HRH10-15 and only two bids were received from each project. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that if only one bid is received for a project, the project will be rebid.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso requested a Caucus on a personnel matter on Chief Parkansky's behalf.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the findings of the Utility Audit and Summary Report. The Borough has \$3,704.63 coming back as Refunds/Credits. There will be a Reduction in the phone bills and electric bills of \$8,236.20. The Refunds/Credits and Reductions will be split with National Utilities Refund. In addition the electric account for the 24th Street Bridge will receive a \$8,399.19 on the account. The electric company had sent the Borough estimated bills for 12 months. After they read the meter, they sent the Borough a bill for several thousand dollars and placed the Borough on a payment plan for the past due amount. After the audit, it was found that the bills would be approximately \$16.00 per month.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Behler requested permission to hire Dennis Corrado as summer help in the Public Works Department. Mr. Corrado worked in the department last year. Motion to rehire Mr. Corrado by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Lipari. Motion passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari stated that the Pool Committee had met and would like to hire the following people to work at the swimming pool:

Manager – Charles Marsteller
Assistant Manager – Steven Hoernle
Returning Lifeguards – Kaitlyn Casciole
Audra Organetti
Nicole Reiss
Brooke Sales
Joseph Wapinski
Thomas Wapinski
Sarina Daul
Sam Gaardsnoe
New Lifeguards pending receipt of proper certification –
Bethany Arzoumanian
Marie Krong
David DiMarco
Annabelle Gaardsnoe
Ticket window – John Whilden
Hanna Dryer
Jennaya Gittens

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned whether the Manager's input was received on the hiring of the staff. Mr. Lipari bluntly responded that Mr. Marsteller had attended the Pool Committee meeting prior to this meeting. Motion to hire the listed personnel to the swimming pool staff by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Howey.

Mr. Lipari informed Council that the pool would be open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. depending on the weather. The pool would be open weekends beginning on Memorial Day and open full time on June 10, 2013. Walt Carabello will be running the refreshment stand this year.

There will be no pre-season pool pass sales as very few passes were sold before Memorial Day last year. Attendance did go up last year. Mr. Lipari would like Council to consider allowing the residents of Nazareth Borough to pay the resident rate for this year. Mr. Feinberg responded that the Nazareth residents were welcome at the pool at the non-resident rates. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the Nazareth Borough residents to pay the resident rates at the pool with proper proof of residency. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Ms. Howey, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by Mr. Feinberg and Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion carried by a four to two vote. Ms. Lohrman will contact Nazareth Borough and let them know that they will be allowed to pay the resident rates at the pool.

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there would be a MECAB meeting the end of the month in Catasauqua.

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that they had discussed information concerning a 2013 CDBG grant application at the last meeting. Applications are due on May 24, 2013. Ms. Lohrman had provided Mr. Woodring with additional information since the last meeting. Mr. Woodring did have some activities going forward, but there was not enough time to do an application now. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to put a wearing coat on the bike path on Lehigh Drive. Second by Mr. Woodring. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the Planning Commission had passed the lot line adjustment at 18-16 Lehigh Street at last week's meeting. Mr. Feinberg added that there was already a sewer easement in place. Mr. McGowan stated that he is against the adjustment as the current line runs right through the garage and moving the lot line would be giving the yard away on the one property. Mr. Feinberg stated that the garage was not large enough for two cars. Council has the final decision on the lot line adjustment. Mr. Minotti questioned whether the matter had to go to Zoning. An engineer may possibly look into the matter. Mr. Minotti also questioned what the property description would look like. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Lipari apologized to Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer in the manner in which he gave his response to Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer's question concerning the swimming pool.

2. After a brief Caucus Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to conditionally hire Shane Gessner, Jason Hillis and Michael Vernotica as full-time Police officers. Second by Mr. Lipari. Motion to hire the three officers was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$314,052.80 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Howey.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY