

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JUNE 10, 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
David Jones
Russ Lipari

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri, David Williams, Ryan Woodring

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Mark Rosenkrantz of 2412 Hay Terrace appeared before Council to bring attention to a serious problem that involves several Council members and the Meuser pool. Mr. Rosenkrantz stated Mr. Williams had viewed his daughter inappropriately and he and Mrs. Wacik fired his daughter from her job as a lifeguard for no reason. Mr. Lipari was to look into the matter, but did not tell Council about the incident. Mr. Lipari also did not report abuse of children per state law. Mr. Rosenkrantz further stated that Ms. Howey harassed his daughter while she worked at the pool. Mr. Rosenkrantz alleges that his son should have been hired as the Assistant Manager at the pool as he was the most qualified applicant, but was not. Mr. Rosenkrantz suggested that Mr. Feinberg should resign because he did nothing about the problem with Mr. Williams. Mr. Minotti responded that he would review the issues discussed in Mr. Rosenkrantz's letter. The full context of the letter composed by Mr. Rosenkrantz is available at the Borough Secretary's Office.

2. Sam Willner from Lafayette Towers appeared before Council to discuss the large banner that is hung on the outside of the apartment building. Mr. Willner has applied for a variance on the banner today. His family is trying to bring new people into the Borough. They are in the process of remodeling the building and bring it up to its former glory. Mr. Feinberg pointed out that Council did not have anything to do with the zoning variance for the banner. Mr. Minotti added that the Zoning Board is its own separate entity. Mr. Willner felt it was important to introduce himself to Council.

3. Nick Fisher of 2262 Freemansburg Avenue came before Council on behalf of Mark Rosenkrantz. He was not asked to attend the meeting. Mr. Fisher asked that Mr. Rosenkrantz be returned to the pool staff. He is good with the kids and is a good coach.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from New Eastwood Care and Rehabilitation Center requesting permission to hold a third annual "Art in the Park" event in Meuser Park on September 28, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Local artists and schools will be invited to participate in providing art workshops to our residents, stakeholders and the community. Eastwood also requested permission to place a banner across Northampton Street. Mr. Drake added that the banner needed to have wind cuts in it. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the request unanimously.

2. Shannon Heckman requested permission to close the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue for the annual 4th of July block party. The street would be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the closure of the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue on the 4th of July. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the request unanimously.

3. A letter was received from Jennifer Klass and Cherisha Ferrigno requesting permission to close the 2100 block of Hay Street for a block party on Saturday, August 10, 2013 until 11:00 p.m. A short discussion was held on the noise ordinance and curfew hours. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the closure of the street for the block party, but only until 10:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the Motion unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that there was a list of Sergeants posted in the lobby. The four Sergeants in the Police Department will be: Chris Meehan, Bud Shull, Mike Potope and Cal Siegfried. Marc Crisafulli will move into the Detective position.

2. Michael Vernotica has withdrawn his application as a full-time Police officer. Chief Parkansky requested permission to offer Matt Shive a conditional offer of employment as a full-time Police officer. Motion to approve request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council approved the request unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones stated that he is still waiting for the revised plans for the refreshment stand at Fisk Field. Mr. Jones will contact the architect again.

2. Mr. Drake informed Cindy Rosenkrantz that the new handicapped lifts are installed in the pool. There will be no climbing on the lifts. A full-time life guard must be designated to watch the kids as they are having swimming practice.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari requested permission to hire Mark Rosenkrantz, Daniel Weekes and Shaun McGann as returning life guards and Nathan Solamone and Michael Whilden as new life guards. Mr. Lipari would also like to hire Walter Wolf as a cleaning person at the same rate as the basket room personnel receives. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Howey. Mr. Feinberg stated that Mr. Wolf needs to have a background check prior to starting at the pool.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired as to the ages of the staff working at the ticket window. Mr. Lipari stated that two of the staff are seniors in high school and the other person is middle aged. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer wanted to make sure that the staff is held accountable for charging all patrons.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has received a proposed Stipulation for the Cadmus matter. Mr. Minotti reviewed the assessed value changes. All refunds will be returned to the entity. The school district has already approved the Stipulation. The County has yet to approve it. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to authorize Mr. Minotti to execute the Stipulation. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council approved the Motion unanimously.

MECAB:

None

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there would be a Northampton County COG meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in Bushkill Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg confirmed with Ms. Lohrman that the County had approved the two applications for

Open Space grants for the remainder of the funds for the camera at Fisk Field and for the asphalt for the 24th Street bike path. The paperwork for the grants will be forthcoming.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned why the blue unmarked Police car was still here. Chief Parkansky responded that the car the Borough would be receiving was being painted. The car swap will take place after the car was repainted.

3. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the status of the Shade Tree Commission. There are no members on the commission at present. Ms. Lohrman will pull out the Ordinance.

4. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the dances at the pool. She suggested that a dance could be held during National Night Out. Mr. Lipari responded that the dances were already scheduled; two would be held during the day and one in the evening.

5. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about roasters at Meuser Park. Ms. Lohrman responded that due to liability or cleanup issues, the office was not allowing roasters, bouncy items or water slides at the park.

6. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to have the bocce court in Meuser Park removed. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to have the bleachers taken down to Fisk Field. Second by Mr. Jones. Council voted unanimously to move the bleachers to Meuser Park. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will talk with the associations about where to put the bleachers. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer suggested applying for grants to put playground equipment in the bocce court area in the future.

7. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested a Caucus on a Personnel matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Lipari stated that he had spoken to Mr. Marsteller and the staff already had sold 60 pool passes. Three of the passes were sold to people from Nazareth.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$128,114.91 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Howey made a Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY