

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 8, 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
James McGowan

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari, David Williams, Ryan Woodring

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 24, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the June 24, 2013 Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Rod Nace appeared before Council to discuss the on-going problem with parking in his neighborhood. A resident on Sycamore Street has a driveway with yellow curbs painted around it that the Borough did not paint. The residents park on his bumper so he can't get out and park over the 72 hour parking limit. Mr. Howey had owned the property where these people live. Mr. Corriere was unable to find a permit for the driveway or parking pad. Mr. Nace showed pictures that were about 20 years old and there were no yellow curbs back then. Mr. Nace is concerned because the yellow curbing takes away much needed parking spaces on a congested street. The other neighbors work together to much parking available for each other except for this one neighbor. Mr. Drake and Chief Parkansky had taken a look at the area several months ago. Chief Parkansky was not present at the meeting to give Council his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Minotti will speak to the attorney representing the residents in question. Mr. Starniri suggested that if the Borough had not put the yellow paint on the curbs, the Borough could remove the yellow curbs. Mr. Feinberg stated that the Borough could not make a decision on the matter tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested that Council ratify the advertisement of the Borough Clerk's position. Motion by Mr. Starniri to ratify the advertisement. Second by Mrs. Lilly Kemmerer. Council unanimously ratified the advertisement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer agreed that the Borough had received numerous applications for the clerk position. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer suggested having the committee review the applications and bring them before Council. Mr. Feinberg responded that there were two applicants that had AMS experience and another two applicants that had municipal government experience. Mr. Feinberg suggested having the four applicants that closely matched the experience requested in the advertisement be interviewed next Wednesday, July 17, 2013 beginning 6:00 p.m. Interviews would last 15 minutes. Ms. Lohrman will notify the applicants and the Council members not present at this evenings meeting.

FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that the committee had met with Chief Collins to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Starniri will prepare a letter to Barry Rogers inviting the bargaining unit to meet prior to the next Council meeting in order to exchange ideas. Mr. Starniri will give Ms. Lohrman the letter for Mr. Rogers.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones informed Council that the committee had met and felt that the Borough should have a part-time grant writer to help all the Borough departments submit grants. The committee felt it would advantageous to have someone available to do the research necessary and know the avenues to be successful at receiving grant funds.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti acknowledged a letter sent from Attorney Brown to Mr. Corriere concerning a Housing Rehab grant for 1944 Lehigh Street. There is a reverse mortgage on the property along with the lien for housing rehab. Mr. Minotti will not respond to the letter until he meets with Mr. Corriere. An answer to Attorney Brown's letter will be forthcoming.

MECAB:

None

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there would be a COG meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chrin Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg felt that due to the recent problems in the office, Council should consider placing a camera in the clerk's area and update the DVR system. Motion to purchase an additional camera for the office and upgrade the DVR by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved the purchase of the camera and the upgrade of the DVR.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer discussed the Audit letter concerning the clerk matter. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer expressed her concern over Per Capita funds. Mr. Feinberg responded that he and Ms. Lohrman had discussed the Per Capita revenue and it seems to be consistent over the last few years. All the adjustments made on the sewer and garbage accounts are being reviewed by the Auditor. The new AMS system will increase the integrity of the posting procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$298,220.77 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY