

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

Winnie Howey
Russ Lipari
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

David Jones, 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 of Operations Ron Behler

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 8, 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. Attorney Molder, Lou Williams and Pete Rossi appeared before Council to get a clarification regarding a property line adjustment/subdivision for a property located in the 1800 block of Lehigh Street. The matter had been approved by the Wilson Planning Commission several months ago, but there still seems to be some confusion as to what needs to be done. Attorney Molder stated that the proposed lot line will place the garage on one side of the property where there is an access door and the utilities are located. Mr. Minotti responded that he felt that the matter was really a minor subdivision and certain zoning regulations apply. Revised legal descriptions and plot plans will need to be drawn up. Once they are completed, Council can take action. Mr. Rossi responded that the legal descriptions and the plot plans have been completed. Mr. Corriere verified that they were complete. Mr. McGowan stated that he did not favor the proposal and the utilities could be moved. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the minor subdivision/ lot line adjustment and execute the paperwork. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Starniri. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

2. Pat Sportelli, Christine Little and Shelley Little appeared before Council requesting permission to put "Welcome Home" signs on Washington Blvd. upon the arrival of Chad Little from Afghanistan. Ms. Sportelli requested a possible police escort. Local residents will be asked to put up red, white and blue ribbons. There will be no banners across the boulevard. Only 28' x 18' signs will be displayed. Ms. Sportelli was asked to contact Chief Parkansky when the date is finalized. It should be in the second or third week in September. Mr. Little is the great nephew of Peanut Young. Ms. Sportelli was directed by Mr. Lipari to contact the school district about the event.

3. Alan Walter of 2305 Freemansburg Avenue appeared before Council to discuss the garbage trucks and other large trucks that come up from West Easton and pulverize his curbing. The trucks are now starting to damage his sidewalks. Mr. Walter states that there had been a sign in West Easton posting the road "No Trucks". The sign is no longer there. Avona Avenue, Iron Street and Freemansburg Avenue are state roads and the Borough does not have any authority to put signs up on these streets. Nor can Wilson put up signs in West Easton. The trucks are coming from the Hub Cap Store and another areas they are parking at in West Easton. The Police are not taking action. Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Ms. Lohrman write a letter to PennDot and ask them to put a "No Truck" sign on Adamson Street. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council voted unanimously to have Ms. Lohrman write the letter to PennDot. Ms. Lohrman will forward a copy to West Easton. Chief Parkansky will call Johnson Motor Freight and discuss the truck traffic coming into Wilson Borough on the 23rd Street Extension.

4. Craig Alercia stated that he was trying to contact Chief Parkansky, but had been unable to reach him. Chief Parkansky responded that he would talk to him in a few minutes.

5. John Lippencott stated that Mr. Drake and Mr. Behler had fixed the pothole on Hay Street and had repainted the blue lines in the handicapped areas. Chief Parkansky had increased the patrols on S. 23rd Street and 12 to 14 drivers had been ticketed that had gone through the stop sign on 23rd Street. Chief Parkansky added that the patrols will be stepped up to include evenings and weekends. Mr. Lippencott thanked everyone for their cooperation.

6. Mr. Starniri questioned if it was possible to patrol the left turn on Freemansburg Avenue. Chief

Parkansky responded that he wished to talk to Mr. Minotti about where 18th Street ends and where Hay Terrace starts. Ordinances are already in place.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Two bids were received for Housing Rehab project DCED 10-01. They were:
Williamson Home Improvements - \$7,985.00
S.J. Sawyer & Company - \$10,425.00

Ms. Lohrman will forward the bids to Mr. Corriere and the Housing Rehab Committee for review.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. A Handicapped Parking application was received from a resident residing at 1818 Butler Street. No other signs are in the block and there is no off-street parking available to the resident. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council approved the Motion unanimously.

2. Mayor Perruso asked Chief Parkansky what he had discovered on his recent visit at the problem with the parking at the intersection of Miller and Balata Streets. Chief Parkansky responded that he and Mr. Drake found a vehicle parking partially in a spot. The vehicle extended onto the sidewalk. The law does not allow a vehicle to park on the sidewalk. Mr. Nace responded that it is possible to park in the spot without the vehicle being on the sidewalk. Mr. Minotti did not wish to discuss the matter without the other party being present. Mr. Minotti will contact the other party's attorney and set up a date that all parties can be present in order to discuss the matter. Mr. Minotti will let Ms. Lohrman when to put the matter on the agenda.

3. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the Police Department had received two Certificates of Appreciation; one was for the Aggressive Driving program and the other was to James Fritts for being the #1 officer in the Lehigh Valley in Traffic Enforcement.

4. Mayor Perruso reminded Council that the bike inspection would be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 between noon and 3:00 p.m. at the Wilson Area High School.

5. Mayor Perruso informed Council that National Night Out would be held on August 6, 2013 at Meuser Park. Ms. Howey can use some assistance for the event.

6. Mayor Perruso felt it was a nice article in the Express-Times about the fire that occurred in the Borough 30 years ago.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari expected to have an updated report on the pool. He will have it for the next Council meeting.

2. Mr. Lipari reviewed a Letter to the Editor printed in the Express-Times from Barry Hantzler, a Nazareth resident. The gentleman thanked the Borough for allowing him and his family to use Meuser pool for the summer.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti presented Borough Council with a draft cable franchise ordinance with Service Electric, formerly Sammons Communications. The Borough does have an existing ordinance. The draft ordinance includes new right-of-way limits and includes new codes and laws enacted since the last ordinance was approved. A Public Hearing will be necessary before the ordinance is enacted. Mr.

Minotti will contact Mr. Himmelwright to see when he is available to answer questions from Council and the public. Mr. Minotti anticipates the hearing will be in September, 2013 prior to a regularly scheduled Council meeting. Mr. Minotti will contact Ms. Lohrman with a date and time. Mr. Minotti would like Council to review the draft ordinance prior to the Public Hearing.

MECAB:

None

COG:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that Judge Yetter and Mr. Wamsley would like to amend the Rental Ordinance to lower the fine for a rental property owner who is not registered in the Borough from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00. Judge Yetter and Mr. Wamsley feel that a \$1,000.00 fine is excessive for a first offense.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$392,701.80 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY