

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
AUGUST 26, 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

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, Director of Public Works Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 12, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the August 12, 2013 Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Mr. Minotti opened the Meeting by informing the Public that the Borough had a situation involving a controversy over a driveway and the yellow lines painted in the vicinity. Attorney's Charles and Thomas Elliott had requested the Minutes of the August 11, 1997 which allowed the painted yellow lines. Mr. Rod Nace had indicated that there was a problem with the yellow line at that time. Mr. Nace and Attorney Elliott spoke a short time ago. Mr. Nace was not being represented by an attorney, but does have one on standby. Mr. Nace and Attorney Elliott agreed that the stop sign could be moved forward to allow more space for parking. Mr. Nace did not think that Mr. Howey had obtained a permit for the driveway, but he had gotten one. Mr. Nace needs enough room to move his car in and out. He would need about six feet in order to do that. Attorney Thomas Elliott is representing the Gable family. Attorney Elliott did receive the documentation from the staff on the information he had requested. The permit for the driveway was received in September, 1984 for 2442 Sycamore Street. In the August 11, 1997 Minutes, Mrs. Gable discussed a problem with the driveway being blocked and the lack of enforcement. Council agreed to allow the curb to be painted yellow. Chief Nace agreed to enforce the problems with the parking. Several cars were later ticketed. On August 25, 1997, Mr. Nace complained about the excessive yellow line which was about 16 feet long. After an investigation, Mrs. Gable was assured on September 8, 1997 that the yellow painting would stay as it was. Attorney Elliott wanted validation on a condition that had existed for years and was authorized by Borough Council. Attorney Elliott had met with Mr. Nace and he wished to have another parking spot available on the street. There will always be a problem if the street was empty and someone parked in the middle of the parking area. There is also a handicapped parking spot right at the stop sign. There would be room for one more car if the stop sign and the handicapped space were moved closer to the corner. Attorney Elliott showed Council pictures of the area. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Drake had met concerning the parking problem. They both agree that moving the stop sign and the handicapped parking spot would create a fourth parking spot. Lines could be painted on the street creating each spot. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer did not favor the individual parking spots as it would be setting a precedent for the rest of the Borough. Mr. Drake offered to move the stop sign and handicapped spot tomorrow with Chief Parkansky's assistance. Mr. Minotti stated that the Borough could allow the changes for a 30 day trial if it was agreeable with everyone. Mr. Minotti requested Attorney Elliott to send him a letter after that time and let him know how it was working. The yellow curbs were a courtesy and they could remain. It is difficult to see the driveway in the dark since it is elevated. Mr. Drake will place a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign after he has one made and place it next to the driveway. It was noted that even the owners cannot block the driveway. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to move the stop sign and the handicapped spot towards the corner and place a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign next to the driveway for a 30 day trial. Second by Mr. McGowan. Council approved the Motion unanimously.

2. Mike Stewart, a graduate of Wilson Area High School and NCACC, requested permission to use Meuser Pool for about 30 minutes to help him film an underwater scene for a video he is making for graduate school. Mr. Drake is a certified life guard and volunteered to allow him in the pool on Thursday morning before it opens. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow Mr. Stewart to use the pool with proper insurance coverage under the supervision of Mr. Drake. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the Motion unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Dan Redington, Director of Meuser Library, requesting permission to close N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Northampton Street to Church Street on September 7, 2013 and September 8, 2013 for the annual Book Fair. Most of the Fair will be under tents allowing the event to be held rain or shine. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the closure of the street for the Book Fair. Second by Mr. McGowan. Council unanimously approved the request to close the street.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso welcomed the Mayor from Northampton to the meeting.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has provided Council with the paperwork for Calvin Siegfried to enter the DROP. His retirement date will be August 1, 2014. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the DROP request. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approve the DROP request.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough's liability insurance had expired on August 22, 2013. The renewal insurance will be PIRMA. The premium was over \$10,000.00 less than the next lowest quote from EMC and there will now be a \$10M umbrella policy instead of a \$5M umbrella policy. There are also other types of coverage not included in the old policy.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Assise hearing will be held on September 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a private hearing. A stenographer will be in attendance. Ms. Roth from Mr. Minotti's office has confirmed the details of the hearing.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to speak with the committee members after the Council meeting.

#### FIRE:

None

#### POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky informed Council that the Covington deal involving a Police car had fallen through. Ted Bare had been using the 1997 Jeep and will now be using the car that was going to be traded in to Covington. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to put the 1997 Jeep out for bid. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed to put the Jeep out for bid. Mr. Drake will store the Jeep in the Hay Terrace lot.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake discussed the recent incident involving the spraying of Fisk Field on a day there was football practice. Mr. Drake stated that he was not notified that spraying was going to be done that day. The field can be used one to two hours after the spraying was done or once it is dry. Mr. Drake has received the MSDS sheets. He will place them in a binder and put it in the refreshment stand so it can be reviewed if there are any questions or problems. Signs have always been posted and there were never any questions when they were posted on other fields. The Avona Fields have been following the same process for years.

2. Mr. Drake stated that the refreshment stand at Fisk Field is a mess. Containers and pads are being stored in the refreshment stand. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will take care of the matter. Moving the container to Fisk Field for storage was discussed. Mr. Drake has a place to put it, but the ground would need to be hard before he can move it across the field. The container would also have to be empty. Mr. Drake offered to take his things out of the shed and allow the football association to store their equipment there. Mr. Jones stated that the association may sell the container and purchase a shed for storage at Fisk Field.

3. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that Mr. Drake check a light at the Rec Building. She believes that the trees are blocking the light sensor and the light is on all the time making the electric bill quite high. Mr. Drake will check the light. He may put it on a timer instead of using the sensor.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

#### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held the end of September, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. After a short Caucus, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to allow Mr. Minotti to file an appeal on an unfavorable decision received on the unemployment claim of Bette Ostrander if he felt it was in the best interest of the Borough. Second by Mr. Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$210,654.91 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY