

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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

David Jones  
Russ Lipari

ABSENT:

Winnie Howey, Louis Starniri, David Williams, Ryan Woodring

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Chief Michael Collins, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere, Director of Public Works Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 26, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the August 26, 2013 Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Troy Handlovic of Pip's Roofing had met with the General Government Committee concerning the leaky, municipal building roof. Mr. Handlovic and JKL together inspected the roof. There are 10 to 15 leaks in the roof. Mr. Handlovic recommended the Borough get a new roof. If there were only a handful of leaks, he may have been able to fix it. Mr. Handlovic discussed the materials he would use to replace the roof. He would provide 15 year warranty. Mr. Handlovic suggested that the roof be repaired prior to winter. His proposal would be \$57,000.00. This would include removing the stone and putting in a new rubber roof. The roof is mostly flat with one drain. The project would have to have the specs drawn up and a bid advertisement done. There is steel decking underneath. If it is found to be rusted, it may need to be replaced also. Public Works could use the stone.

2. Mike Tirrell of the Wilson Borough Republican Club presented both Chief Parkansky and Chief Collins a check for \$1,000.00 in remembrance of 911.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Greek Orthodox Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requested permission to place a banner across Northampton Street advertising their Fall Greek Food Festival from September 27, 2013 to September 29, 2013. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Eastwood was going to have their Art in the Park on September 28, 2013 and Council had already approved a banner for the Art in the Park event. Mr. Drake stated that at present he could not put up two banners at the same time. He would have to find two poles across from each other and run a new line across it. Mr. Drake suggested splitting the time between the two banners. Ms. Lohrman already had the Greek Fest banner. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to put up the Greek Fest banner now and split the time between the two banners. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council approved the use of both banner unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman inquired if any Council people wished to attend the PSAB Fall Conference in Pittsburgh on October 18-20, 2013. Mr. McGowan wished to attend the event.

2. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Police Pension Board that there would be a conference call on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Instructions for the call were in the packets.

3. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the Assise hearing would be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:00. The hearing would be private.

4. Ms. Lohrman presented Council with the 2014 MMOs. They are as follows:  
Fire Pension Plan - \$12,050.00  
Non-Uniform Pension Plan - \$29,492.93

Police Pension Plan - \$97,941.48

The figures will be used for the 2014 budget.

5. Ms. Lohrman has supplied the Department Heads with their 2014 budget requests. They are due back the beginning of October.

6. Ms. Lohrman requested permission to advertise for passage of a PIRMA ordinance. Mr. Minotti has reviewed the draft ordinance and found it acceptable. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to advertise the ordinance. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the ordinance. Mr. Minotti will provide the advertisement.

7. Ms. Lohrman has received two applications for Crossing Guards. Chief Parkansky has completed favorable background checks on the candidates. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to hire Faithe Heitzman and James Klass as Crossing Guards. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the hiring of Ms. Heitzman and Mr. Klass as Crossing Guards.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

#### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested permission to hire Dale Dunfee as a part-time fire fighter. Mr. Dunfee is from New Jersey and has Fire Fighter I, NIMS and HazMat Ops training. Mr. Dunfee is also a Marine Vet. Motion to hire Mr. Dunfee by Mr. Jones. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council voted to hire Mr. Dunfee unanimously.

#### POLICE:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned why Chief Parkansky's vehicle was gray and why the old Police car was painted gray. Chief Parkansky responded that he had chosen the color of the vehicles. The older car was a marked car, but still may be used for patrol, but was less conspicuous. The LOJACK system is also installed on the vehicle.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that he had met with the committee and they had discussed the possibility of purchasing a new street sweeper. The machine would cost \$184,000.00. The COSTARS price is \$173,000.00. Mr. Drake would like to put \$60,000.00 down from the equipment designation of the Borough's Liquid Fuels funds and pay the balance under a five year lease program with a payment of \$24,000.00 per year. The lease payments can come out of the equipment funds in Liquid Fuels. The new sweeper would be from GrandTurk and have a tree branch guard. It would have the ability to dump from the front, it can be painted orange at no extra cost and 80% of the parts are in stock. Mr. Drake would like to purchase the sweeper this year as the cost will go up \$15,000.00 next year. Mr. Drake would like to have a permanent sweeper schedule from April through November. Signs could be posted this winter with the schedule on it. The ordinance will have to be updated. Chief Parkansky will assist with the enforcement. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that there has been a problem with residents not taking care of the weeds growing in the gutters. The proposed street sweeper has the ability of sweeping into the curbs. Mr. Drake felt that it would only take three days a week to do the street sweeping. There is no trade-in offer, but Mr. Drake could put the old sweeper in Muni-Bid. The Borough has no other lease payments at this time. Mr. McGowan stated that he did not have enough time to review the information on the proposed street sweeper and the Borough did not have to use the funds for equipment. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to purchase the new street sweeper. Second by Mr. Jones. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Lipari. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Council approved the purchase of the new sweeper by a four to one vote.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari stated that Council had been provided a copy of the annual report for the summer pool. Any questions or suggestions should be given to the committee. Mr. Lipari thanked the Police Department for their presence. The matter of the refreshment stand will be looked into. The stand was not open on a regular basis. Mr. Lipari will speak to Mr. Carabello about the stand.

#### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has prepared a draft of the DROP program for the Police Pension Ordinance. Mr. Minotti requested Ms. Lohrman send him the information in the new Police contract where it discusses Police pension. Mr. Minotti will have the ordinance ready for adoption in October 2013.

2. Mr. Minotti has received a letter from Attorney Brown asking Wilson Borough to consider subordinating the reversible mortgage of Ruth Forsythe so her nephew can purchase the property and continue to have the housing rehab lien in second position. The housing rehab lien should have been

subordinated to a reverse mortgage. The lien will be released after 5 years in the old housing rehab program. Mr. Minotti recommended that Council approve the request since Mr. Werkheiser is a local person. Under the law, no repayment is due if the property is sold to the immediate family. Mrs. Forsythe was a widow with no children. If Council does not approve the request, the property could be sold at judicial sale and could be sold to anyone. Mr. Corriere added that the home in questions is a large, single family home. Mr. Werkheiser does not own any other rental properties. Mr. Lipari responded that Council should not assume that Mr. Werkheiser does not know what he is getting into. He could have spoken to other people who own rental properties. The money in the Housing Rehab program is grant money. Mr. Jones thought that the matter was settled as Mr. Werkheiser had a deadline to pay off the reverse mortgage. Mr. Lipari stated that Council should follow Mr. Minotti's recommendation. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the matter had been in committee, but because of Mr. Lipari's suggestion, it had gone directly to Council. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to approve the request to subordinate the borough's lien to the mortgage. No Second was received. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to deny the request to subordinate the borough's lien. No Second was received. Mr. Lipari felt that Council was making a terrible mistake. No action was taken on the matter.

COG:

None

MECAB:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$93,773.41 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Second by Mr. Jones and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY