

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 23, 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
Louis Starniri

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Williams

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 September 9, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the September 9, 2013 Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. April Niver from the Office of the Honorable Matt Cartwright on Northampton Street requested permission to use the Strausser Community Center on October 21, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a town meeting. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the request. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council approved the request to use the center for a town meeting unanimously.

2. Michael Long from the Wilson Midget Football Association requested permission to put up billboards along the fence at Fisk Field. The billboards are a fundraiser for the association. Local businesses can have the sign at the field for a one to two year period of time. The cost for the business would be \$250.00 or \$350.00 depending on the term. Mr. Feinberg inquired as to why the signs were put up prior to asking for permission to have them. Mr. Long responded that he did not know he needed permission as there have been signs at Jeffrey Field for years. The signs will be removed after the seasons because of the weather. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer mentioned that people were golfing, playing soccer and shooting off fire works at Fisk Field. No permission was granted from the office for these events at Fisk Field. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to allow the billboards on the fence at Fisk Field. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the billboards at Fisk Field unanimously.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that Chief Parkansky increase the patrols at Fisk Field because of the unapproved use of the fields. Chief Parkansky responded that it would not be necessary as the camera at the field as been put up and the electric should be hooked up by Wednesday. Mr. Drake will look at the signs the high school has about field usages and post the field accordingly.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about putting up "No Smoking" signs at Fisk Field. Cigarette butts are being thrown at the end of the macadam. Mr. Lipari thought that smoking could be allowed at the guard rail. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to post "No Smoking" signs at Fisk Field. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the request unanimously.

3. Steve Weber of West Easton presented Council with a proposal for redo the infields at Jeffrey and Fisk Fields. The proposal included infield dirt, infield mix and sod. Mr. Weber stated that the Association would do the labor necessary to complete the work if Council would pay the approximate cost of \$2,840.00 for the materials. Mr. Weber would like to begin the work during the third week of October. Fisk Field would be done after the football season was over. Mr. Starniri questioned by the request did not go through Rec Board. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that the fields belonged to the Borough. Mr. Jones stated that there was \$1,000 in the budget for Jeffrey Field. Mr. Weber explained to Council how the work bond was going being used. Mr. Drake felt that the proposal was a good idea. There should be plenty of money left in the Fisk Field budget. Mr. Lipari suggested that if there was not enough money, Rec Board may be able to cover the difference in the cost. Motion by Mr. Lipari to accept the proposal as presented by Mr. Weber. Second by Mr. Jones. Council approved the request unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Three bids were received for the 1997 Jeep Cherokee. They were as follows:
Jim Tindall - \$500.00

Caleb Larsen - \$300.99

Frederick Lahovski, Jr. - \$467.00

Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to accept the bid from Jim Tindall for the Jeep Cherokee. Second by Mr. Starniri.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso asked for Council's input on when to hold Trick or Treat. It is normally held on Halloween evening, October 31, 2013. However this year Halloween falls on the same evening as the bonfire. The Wilson-Notre Dame football game will be held on Friday evening, November 1, 2013. Mr. Starniri suggested waiting to see what other communities were doing. Ms. Howey felt that traffic could be a problem if Trick or Treat was held at the same time as the parade to the bonfire. Mr. McGowan felt that if Wilson held Trick or Treat at a different time than the other municipalities were holding theirs, the Borough residents would get bombarded by outsiders. Mayor Perruso stated that Trick or Treat would be held on Halloween, October 31, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms.Lohrman informed Council that she and Mayor Perruso had spoken to a resident in the 1900 block of Fairview Avenue who had recently paid \$175.00 to have 7 skunks and possums removed from his property. He felt that part of the problem stemmed from people putting out their garbage days in advance of garbage pickup. The garbage was not put in cans and the animals were getting into the bags. One of his neighbors also puts out dry cat food and the animals are also attracted to the food. Mr. Jones suggesting getting the neighbors together and have Mr. Bell give a group rate for the removal of the animals. The problem is Borough wide and not just in the area of Fairview Avenue. Mr. Corriere had been over in the area and it was difficult to tell who the garbage belonged to as there are not house numbers in the alleys. There is not any ordinance making someone put numbers in the back of the property. Newsletters cannot be sent out as the funds for newsletters were removed from the budget. A letter can be written up to explain to the residents that garbage had to be put in cans and will only be allowed to be put out 12 hours prior to garbage day.

2. The Borough has received an application to hire Dennis Grube, Jr. as a Crossing Guard. Ms. Verba can use another guard. Chief Parkansky has reviewed the application and approved Mr. Grube. Motion to hire Mr. Grube as a part-time Crossing Guard by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the hiring of Dennis Grube, Jr. as a Crossing Guard.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held at the Strausser

Community Center on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Ed Knittel from PSAB will be the guest speaker. Mayor Perruso thought it would be nice if the Council people from the Borough attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Starniri request Mr. Drake to take a look at a tree in the park across the street from his home on Hay Terrace. The Fire Department had recently pulled down a branch from the tree. The tree may need to be trimmed.

2. Mr. Starniri inquired about the condition of 18th Street. Mr. Drake responded that the street will be repaved from Washington Blvd. to Butler Street next year once UGI has finished working on the gas lines.

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 766 – Joining with other local government units as a Member of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association for the purpose of entering into an Intergovernmental contract to form a local government pool. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. No Negative votes were cast. Ordinance 766 passed by an eight to zero vote.

2. Ordinance 767 – Establishing a preferred retirement option plan for the eligible full-time Uniformed Police Officers. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. No Negative votes were cast. Ordinance 767 passed by an eight to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$166,278.78 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY