

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 14, 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
Russ Lipari
Ryan Woodring

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri, David Williams

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 September 23, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the September 23, 2013 Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Carolyn M. Kratz and Kathryn Dorshimer thanking the Borough Manager and Council for the opportunity to join the Wilson Borough Community Pool this summer. The ladies complimented Mr. Marsteller, the facility and the staff. They are looking forward to being members of the pool in 2014. Mr. Lipari thanked Mr. Drake for bring up the idea of allowing the Nazareth Borough residents to join the pool this past summer.

2. Four bids were received from Housing Rehab project HRH-10-16. They are as follows:
- Scott Williamson Without Option (F) – no bid
 - With Option (F) - \$22,357.00
 - Inside Out General Contracting Without Option (F) - \$27,940.00
 - With Option (F) - \$29,440.00
 - S.J. Sawyer & Co. Without Option (F) – no bid
 - With Option (F) - \$28,850.00
 - Dutt Construction Without Option (F) - \$22,545.00
 - With Option (F) - \$23,295.00
3. Two quotes were received for Housing Rehab project HRH10-46. They are as follows:
- Rapco Environmental Services - \$2,485.00
 - ACM Associates, Inc. - \$2,985.00

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that he had received several phone calls regarding when Trick or Treat was scheduled in the Borough. The people preferred that it was held on Saturday or Sunday. Mr. Feinberg responded that the listing of when Trick or Treat was going to be held in the different municipalities had already been printed in the newspaper. Ms. Lohrman added that several of the papers and Channel 69 had contacted the office two weeks ago about Trick or Treat. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about how many calls were received. Mayor Perruso responded that he had received five or six calls. The consensus on Council was that no matter when the event was held, not everyone would be happy.

2. Mayor Perruso inquired about the whereabouts of the wreaths for Veteran's Day. Mr. Drake nor Ms. Lohrman knew where they were. Ms. Howey is willing to pick up four wreaths for the parade. Ms. Lohrman stated that there were funds in the budget for Civil Celebrations.

3. Chief Parkansky informed Council that McDonald's will be hosting "Having a Coffee with a

Cop” on Monday, October 21, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chief Parkansky will be at the 25th Street McDonalds with Chief Larry Palmer on Monday evening fore the event. Mayor Perruso will also be attending.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman had presented a first draft of the 2014 budget in Council packets.
2. Ms. Lohrman had received a phone call from Congressman Cartwright’s office today. The Town Meeting that had been scheduled on Monday, October 21, 2013 in the community center has been postponed due to the fiscal crises. Council agreed to allow Ms. Lohrman to reschedule the event once Washington is up and running again.
3. Ms. Lohrman has received the new Inspection Maintenance Agreement with Che Mechancial. The price of the agreement if \$2,000.00. Additional work will be billed at \$104.00 per hour.
4. Ms. Lohrman has received notification from the PA LCB informing the Borough that they had received an application for a transfer of license from Skyy Lounge, Inc. to Murgia Properties, LLC, trade name Shruty’s Pub & Restaurant.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired on when budget meeting would begin. Mr. Feinberg stated that the first meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested permission to hire Sean Kelsch of Hay Street as a part-time Firefighter. Motion to approve request by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake stated that Bob Durns had retired from his department two weeks ago. Caleb Larsen has been working for the Borough part-time for the last 1 ½ years. Mr. Drake would like to hire Mr. Larsen full time at a starting rate of \$14.00 per hour. Mr. Drake would also like to advertise in December for another full-time employee. Mr. Rich Behler has never been replaced and Mr. Clowers will be retiring in the spring. Two other employees in the department are not working for health related problems. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the position should be advertised and if Mr. Larsen is the best person qualified, then he will be hired. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer also felt that Mr. Larsen has received preferential treatment. He was allowed to get is CDL license on Borough time with Mr. Feinberg’s permission and not Council’s permission. He was also working 40 hours per week and Council never approved him working that many hours. Ms. Lohrman stated that Council had approved him working 40 hours per week. Mr. McGowan disagreed with Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer’s position. He felt that Mr. Larsen has been working here for some time and should be given the position. Mr. Jones felt that he has been working here and has been a good employee. Motion by Mr. Jones to hire Caleb Larsen full-time at a starting rate of \$14.00 per hour. Second by Mr. McGowan. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion to hire Mr. Larsen was approved by a six to one vote. Mayor Perruso stated that he appreciates Mr. Larsens good work ethic.

2. Mr. Jones made a Motion to advertise for a full-time position in the Public Works Department in December. Second by Mr. Lipari. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a five to two vote. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer felt that Council should wait until the budget was passed before making a decision about hiring someone else.

3. Mr. Drake explained to Council about the on-going vandalism problems in Liberty Park. His department is removing graffiti on a daily basis. Some of the equipment was taken apart with a wrench. Mr. Drake would like to move the gazebo to Meuser Park and remove some of the hedges so the Police can have a better view of what is happening in the park. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer suggested having more frequent patrols in the park. Chief Parkansky stated that he didn’t have too much authority in the park concerning the age issue. An ordinance should be drawn up allowing the Police to keep the older kids out of the park. Chief Parkansky will give some things to Mr. Minotti to review.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on October 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Coplay. The topic will be ObamaCare.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$156,082.74 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY