

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 28, 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, 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 October 14, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. McGowan. Council unanimously approved the October 14, 2013 Minutes.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to challenge the Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Workshop Meeting. There were only three Council members present at the meeting when she arrived. A quorum was not present in order to hold a meeting. Ms. Lohrman stated that she had spoken to Mr. Minotti regarding the matter and he stated that he did not have a problem with the Workshop Meeting being held as long as the final budget had not been approved at the meeting. He felt that it was similar to a committee meeting. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer wanted to add to the Minutes that while discussing the Police Chief's vehicle that she had said that the Chief would not do anything without permission. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the Workshop Meeting with the change. Second by Mr. Lipari. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes were cast by: Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. The Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Workshop were approved by a five to three vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Congressman Cartwright has rescheduled the Town Hall meeting for Monday, November 25, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Chief Parkansky will have Police at the function.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request for Handicapped Parking at 1906 Ferry Street. Chief Parkansky has reviewed the application. There are 12 steps in the front of the home and a garage in the rear of the property. A handicapped parking application on the same block had been denied because of the availability of off-street parking. Chief Parkansky plans to revisit the handicapped list and have the applicants complete a new application to make sure all the information is still correct. Mr. Drake stated that there is a handicapped spot on Louis Street that is not being used. Matter was deferred. Chief Parkansky will check to see if the garage is being used.

2. Chief Parkansky has received a request from Bell Apothecary for a handicapped parking spot on the street for his customers. There is a parking lot available with 2 handicapped spots. The spot closest to the street is rather flat, but the second spot is difficult to use as it is on a hill. John Lippencott stated that he is in a wheelchair and both spots are difficult for him to use. There are 2 handicapped meters at Easton Cardiovascular. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to deny the request. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously denied the request.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that the confined space equipment is 15 years old. He had sent

out the air bottles for the annual maintenance and they were returned as they were expired. The total to replace the equipment is \$5,262.85. Mr. Drake stated that the equipment had been paid for out of the sewer budget. Mr. Starniri felt that the equipment was necessary to have. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to purchase the equipment needed for confined space. Second by Mr. Starniri. Mr. Drake will contact Palmer Township or the City of Easton if there is a sewer problem before the new equipment is in.

2. Ms. Lohrman requested permission to close the office on Black Friday, November 29, 2013 as had been done in the past. The employees will use their Floating Holiday as compensation. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

3. Ms. Lohrman requested a short Caucus on a personnel matter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested Council to move Brad Henely to the driver's list. Mr. Henely has been training since April. Motion by Mr. Starniri to move Mr. Henely to the driver's list. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer.

2. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that Chief Collins take a look at the Avona Rec Building to see what the occupancy is. Chief Collins will take go over to the building tomorrow and post the occupancy .

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky reminded everyone that Trick or Treat and the parade for the bonfire will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Chief Parkansky will have extra Police Officers on duty during the two events.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari commended Mr. Drake and his department on the condition of the Fisk Field facilities during this football season. Mr. Drake also made sure that there was an EMT at the playoff game this past Sunday. Mr. Drake added there had not been any problems at the field the last three games. Most of the problems were taken care of once the water volume was regulated on the toilets. Mr. Lipari suggested putting hash marks on the field next year.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there will be a MECAB meeting in Coplay on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Erica Grimm from Keystone Insurers will be the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Lipari had recently spoken to Mike Glovas regarding his presentation that he had given at the Police Pension Board. Mr. Lipari inquired if any decision had been made regarding his presentation. Mr. Feinberg directed him to discuss the matter with the Police Pension Board. The decision on who manages the Police Pension funds rests with the Police Pension Board and not with Borough Council.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Chief Parkansky if he had found any ordinances on parks. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer suggested that he contact the Clerk at the City of Easton.

3. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that Mr. Weber has almost completed the work at Jeffery and Fisk

Fields. She inquired if Mr. Weber had contacted Ms. Lohrman. She responded that he had not. Mr. Weber had run short on the sod. Mr. Drake will have to water the new sod. Mr. Drake will contact Mr. Weber.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Corriere informed Council that the Wilson Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission had both approved a lot line adjustment at 1533-1535 Butler Street. The property is owned by Samuel and Michele Delserro. The property is two twins with a straight property line. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the request. Second by Ms. Howey. Council approved the request unanimously.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired if anyone has seen what is happening with the gas company. They are installing gas service right up to the sidewalks. It is beginning to look like a ghetto. Mr. Corriere feels that it is dangerous. Mr. Starniri inquired about the condition of 18th Street. Mr. Drake will be repaving the streets affected by UGI next year. Mr. Drake will be meeting with UGI on Wednesday or Thursday this week. Sometimes UGI cannot put the meter where the consumer would like it to be.

3. Mr. Feinberg scheduled the next Budget Meetings for November 11, 2013, November 20, 2013 and November 25, 2013. All the meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

4. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to run a blind ad in the newspaper. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council approved the request unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$449,980.70 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Howey made a Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY