

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NOVEMBER 25, 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	Winnie Howey
David Jones	Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Russ Lipari	James McGowan
Louis Starniri	Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Williams

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 11, 2013 Budget Meeting , November 11, 2013 Council Meeting and the November 20, 2013 Budget meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the three meetings.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Ryan Ingham of Hough Associates appeared before Council to discuss his company's program that assists municipalities in increasing their recycling performance grant awards with zero out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Ingham reviewed how Hough Associates analyzes recycling streams to form strategic recycling partnerships among client municipalities. The result is higher grant awards for all municipalities. Hough Associates is just beginning their program in Lehigh and Northampton counties. Hough Associates would be paid a portion of the increase in recycling based on a negotiated agreement. The municipalities in a joint partnership would not have to be adjoining. One municipality would be the lead municipality and would split the payments between the members. The agreement could be for one year or for several years. The fee could be negotiated each year. Motion by Mr. Starniri to proceed with the program and to have Mr. Minotti review the agreement with Hough Associates. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted to proceed with investigating the program. Mr. Ingham stated that his company is already looking into other municipalities to join with Wilson in a joint application. Hough Associates would normally begin sending out letters to collectors on January 15, 2013. The Borough would have the option of being a single applicant or as a group applicant.

2. Mike Loureiro of 1844 Washington Blvd. appeared before Council to see if there had been any decision concerning his parking problem across from St. Jane's. Mayor Perruso responded that Chief Parkansky was going to speak to St. Jane's about having the staff use their parking lots, but the Chief was not present at the meeting. Chief Parkansky will be asked to discuss the matter with St. Jane's prior to the next Council meeting. Permit parking will be the last option if the parking issue is not resolved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Three bids were opened for Housing Rehab project HRH10-46. They were as follows:  
Scott Williamson - \$7,605.00  
S.J. Sawyer & Company - \$7,490.00  
TDM Construction - \$9,300.00

The bids will be forwarded to the Housing Rehab committee for review.

2. A letter was received from Jim McGowan requesting reappointment to the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority. Motion by Mr. Woodring to reappoint Mr. McGowan to the sewer authority. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council reappointed Mr. McGowan to Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso thanked Mr. Drake and the Public Works Department for their assistance in setting up for the Public Hearing at the community center today.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough had received a court order for the return of funds for real estate taxes collected from 2010 to 2012 for the Cadmus Communications property. The total to be returned is \$24,302.00. Funds had been escrowed in the amount of \$4,635.45. The remaining funds will come out of the Tax Account.
2. The Borough had received a release of Escrow for the Patient First project. Ms. Lohrman had sent the request to the Borough Engineer. Ms. Riddle Montgomery had prepared tabulation status worksheet with her recommendation to Council. Motion by Mr. Starniri to release the escrow in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the release of escrow.
3. Ms. Lohrman has received a questionnaire from PMRS for the Fire Pension Plan and the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Ms. Lohrman had Mr. Minotti review the questionnaire. Ms. Lohrman could answer most of the questions by past practice. Ms. Lohrman had the Borough Actuary review the questionnaire and he provided his suggestions to Council concerning the questions regarding Excess Interest. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the response from the Borough Actuary. Council agreed with the suggestions from Mr. Brisman. Ms. Lohrman will forward the Fire Pension questionnaire to the bargaining unit according to Article 20 of their contract. PMRS will forward the final agreements to the Borough.
4. Mr. Minotti and Ms. Lohrman had both received information concerning missing speed limit signs on S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The signs were to have been posted on the Wilson Borough side of the street after the Palmer Town Center had been completed. The signs were either never put up or had been taken down and not replaced. Palmer Township is accepting responsibility for the signs and is willing to put them up according to a drawing with Borough Council's approval. Motion to approve allowing Palmer Township to put up the signs by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council approved the speed limit signs unanimously.
5. Mr. Starniri presented the proposed Fire Contract to Council. Mr. Starniri requested Mr. Minotti to review the document. Ms. Lohrman will forward a copy of the current contract to Mr. Minotti.
6. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti informed Council that the street sweeper is ready for delivery. Mr. Minotti had two issues with the paperwork from the finance company. The papers were governed by Minnesota law and it included binding arbitration. Mr. Minotti stated that the paperwork will be changed to Pennsylvania law and there will only be arbitration if both parties agree. Once everything is in order, Mr. Minotti requested permission from Council to have the appropriate parties execute the documents. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve Mr. Minotti's request as outlined. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved the request.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Starniri reminded Council that according to the NFPA, the life of a fire apparatus is 25 years. One of the trucks will be 25 years old next year. The truck is not up to current standards. Chief Collins had budget \$450,000.00 for a truck in the 2014 budget, but it was removed. Mr. Starniri requested Council to keep the truck in mind in the next year for possible funding avenues. It will need to be replaced sooner or later.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Ryan Woodring to the Shade Tree Commission. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Woodring to the Shade Tree Commission. Something will be put on the website asking residents if they would like to serve on the commission. A link to the ordinance will also be put on the website.

2. Mr. Feinberg presented Council with a proposal from Eastern Consultants for the design and construction services to replace the existing roof including repairs to the walls and wall caps that may be required for the municipal building. The work will include the evaluation of the condition of the existing roof and flashing and a preliminary report providing Council with options and cost estimates. The design services include preparing the final design, bid documents and assistance during building. The fee to perform these services is Eighteen Thousand Dollars. The funds for the Engineering costs may also be paid from the Sewer Capacity Account. Motion to approve the proposal from Eastern Consultants for the roof repairs by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the proposal.

3. After a short Caucus, Mr. Starniri made a Motion to appeal the Unemployment Decision on Amy Messner. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted to appeal the Unemployment decision.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$174,466.38 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Jones. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY