

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
DECEMBER 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
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Winnie Howey, David Williams, Ryan Woodring

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 25, 2013 Budget Meeting and the November 25, 2013 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the two meetings.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Dan Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Library, appeared before Council to update them on recent events occurring at the library. Mr. Redington thanked Council for approving a small increase in their contribution to the library. Rising health care costs have hurt their budget. The Board has approved the conversion of the building from oil to gas heat. Mr. Redington will be working with Mr. Corriere over the next few months on the conversion. The Board has approved the filming of a music video on the library premises. Proper insurance will be provided. A new library in the Poconos has built a new facility and has 2 book drops that the library can have, but someone will need to pick them up. They are only 2 to 3 years old and can be utilized as an audio/visual drop. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the Public Works Department to pick up the book drops in the Poconos. Second by Mr. McGowan. Council voted unanimously to assist Mr. Redington in acquiring the book drops. Mr. Drake will work with Mr. Redington to pick up the drops. Mr. Redington informed Council that during this past August, the concerts began at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. The concertgoers liked the earlier time. Mr. Redington plans to start all the concerts in 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Redington has only booked one concert thus far, but plans on moving forward on them shortly.

2. Mike Loureiro of 1844 Washington Blvd. appeared before Council to check on the status of his parking problem with St. Jane's School. Mayor Perruso responded that Chief Parkansky had spoken to St. Jane's and they are aware of the situation. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that there are parking problems all over the Borough, not just on the boulevard. Council cannot put permit parking throughout the Borough. The garage in the rear of the property is rented out to someone other than the tenants in the home. It is a two car garage. Mr. Feinberg suggested changing the Rental Ordinance to have provisions that the garage must be used by tenants of the house/apartments rather than a third party. Mr. Corriere offered to discuss the matter with the landlord. Mr. Lipari pointed out that the school will eventually be moved to Hartley Avenue, but it may be years before it happens. Mr. Loureiro was assured that Council would not let the matter fall through the crack, but he was asked to be patient.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to approve the 2014 budget as presented. Second by Mr. Lipari. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri. No Negative votes were cast. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer abstained from voting. The 2014 budget was passed by a five to zero vote with one abstention.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Mr. Minotti had reviewed the agreement with Hough Associates. It is a one year agreement. Motion to execute the agreement with Hough Associates by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council approved the agreement unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake inquired about the status of the paperwork for the new street sweeper. Mr. Minotti stated that he had spoken to Dave Kunsman this afternoon concerning an IRS confirmation that had been included in the paperwork. He confirmed that the interest is not taxable. Mr. Minotti also had the paperwork changed from Minnesota law to Pennsylvania law and the contract changed to a non-binding agreement. Quite a few papers will need to be signed. Mr. Minotti will have the paperwork to Ms. Lohrman by Thursday, December 12, 2013. Mr. Drake would like to take the new sweeper out prior to it getting too cold to make sure it works properly. Mr. Minotti added that the matter should be settled by next week.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has approved the agreement with Hough Associates.

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next County COG meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Bethlehem Township.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that the Fire contract had been favorably reviewed by Mr. Minotti. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the new Fire contract. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council approved the new Fire contract unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the KOZ for the Dixie property had been approved by the Commonwealth of PA. Hopefully things will be moving forward soon.

2. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to cancel the December 23, 2013 Council Meeting with proper advertising. Ms. Lohrman was authorized to pay the bills prior to year's end. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the Motion.

3. The Reorganization meeting will be held on January 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the new Borough Code includes an Affidavit of Residency that must be notarized by the newly elected officials prior to being sworn in at the Reorganization meeting. Ms. Lohrman will have Mr. Minotti review the draft PSAB document before sending it to the elected officials. Ms. Lohrman will also need the Certificate of Election forms prior to the Reorganization meeting.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1202 – 2014 Salaries, Wages, Sick Leave, Vacation, Holidays. Motion to approve Resolution 1202 by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri. No Negative votes were cast. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer abstained from voting. Motion carried by a five to zero vote with one abstention.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$75,105.45 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY