

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 13, 2014

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
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, Director of Public Works Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 9, 2013 Council Meeting and the January 6, 2014 Reorganization Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Ms. Howey. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the two meetings.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter and a check in the amount of \$200.00 had been received from AARP. The donation was for the use of the community center for the group's meetings.

2. A letter was received from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to use Meuser Park from May 15, 2014 to May 18, 2014 for the Annual Greek Festival. The church would also like to have a banner placed across Northampton Street two weeks prior to the event. A certificate of insurance to Wilson Borough and PennDot will be provided. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the use of the park for the festival and the banner if a proper pole location was found by Mr. Drake. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the request.

3. A letter was received from P. Dan Mannix requesting reappointment to the Mary Meuser Library Board. Mr. Mannix has served on the Board since 2005. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to reappoint Mr. Mannix to the Meuser Library Board. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the request.

4. An email was received from Martin Altemos requesting permission for a semi pro football team in the Great Eastern Football Association to play five home season games at Fisk Field beginning on Saturday afternoons in March. Insurance would be provided. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Feinberg expressed their displeasure at allowing an adult football team use of the field. Motion by Mr. Starniri to deny the use of the field for the football games. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted to deny the use of the field to the semi pro football team.

5. Ms. Lohrman had received a call from Rick Nace on behalf of his son who owns property across from Strunk Funeral Home. His property has a driveway and it is being blocked by vehicles during the nighttime hours and he is unable to get out of the driveway in order to go to work. Mr. Nace was hoping to get a "No Parking" sign at the driveway so it would not be blocked. Chief Parkansky responded that he did not recall any Police calls in regards to a blocked driveway at the property. Council instructed Mr. Nace to contact the Police if the driveway continued to be blocked.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Chief Parkansky requested permission to allow his to use nixle.com, a social media notification service, to send out information such a s snow emergencies and parking and traffic alerts. The service is free and could be used to alert residents via email and texts. Chief Parkansky also requested permission to create a Facebook Police page for road closures, snow emergencies and other notices. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow Chief Parkansky to use social media for public notification purposes. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the request.

2. Mr. Drake and Chief Parkansky had discussed the fee schedule in Ordinance 403 for throwing

snow into the streets. The current fine is \$25.00. Chief Parkansky will have an officer ride with Mr. Drake during the next snowstorm in order to stop the snow from going back into the street. Chief Parkansky suggested raising the fine to \$150.00 to \$300.00. Chief Parkansky has prepared an amendment to Ordinance 403 for Mr. Minotti's review. Mr. Minotti will have to check the limit of the fine. Mr. McGowan disagreed with the fine. In many cases, there is not any other place to put the snow that does not hinder parking. Mr. Lipari stated that years ago, the residents on his block worked together to shovel out the streets for the vehicles. It does not occur any longer. After a short discussion, Mr. Woodring suggested that the matter be discussed by the General Government Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that a Certificate of Deposit was maturing on January 26, 2014. She will supply Council with rates from local banks at the January 27, 2014 Council meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Woodring made a Motion to conditionally hire Jeffrey Lewert and Lucas Douvier as full-time employees in the Public Works Department pending a favorable physical, background check and a negative alcohol and drug test. Mr. Douvier must also have a CDL license within 90 days of hire. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. Negative votes were cast by: Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. McGowan. Motion to conditionally hire Mr. Lewert and Mr. Douvier was passed by a six to two vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari expresses his concern that Mr. Williams had been appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee and had not attended any Council meetings in several months. Mr. Woodring agreed with Mr. Lipari as Mr. Williams had also been appointed to the General Government Committee.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 in Freemansburg.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$250,889.23 were ratified for payment by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Bills of \$90,158.85 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY