

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 27, 2014

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
James McGowan
Ryan Woodring

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Russ Lipari, David Williams

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from St. Jane Frances de Chantal School requesting permission to close the alley between 19th and 20th Streets behind the school for a marathon. The event will be held on April 4, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A DJ will be at the marathon again this year. Motion to approve the request was made by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved the alley closure for the marathon.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received information concerning the required floodplain update. Over the last few years, FEMA has worked on updating their flood plain maps. The Borough will be required to update the Flood Plain Ordinance by July 16, 2014. A sample ordinance has been provided. Someone has been appointed to walk us through the process. She strongly suggests that our Zoning Officer be appointed as a liaison for the project. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to appoint Zoning Officer, Paul Corriere, as the liaison. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approve Mr. Corriere as the liaison to the project. Mr. Minotti will assist with the amendment to the ordinance.

2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the renewal rates she had received from the local banks for the certificate of deposit that matured on January 26, 2014 at Merchants Bank of Bangor for \$448,840.12. Mr. McGowan made a Motion to renew the certificate at Merchants Bank of Bangor for 24 months at an APY of 0.60%.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received the Agreement for Use of Polling Place for the Community Center for the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 and the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Motion by Mr. Starniri to execute the agreement with Northampton County. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the execution of the Agreement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. Woodring informed Council that the General Government Committee had met regarding the

amendment of Ordinance #403. Chief Parkansky had requested raising the fine for throwing snow in the street from \$25.00 up to between \$150.00 to \$300.00. Mr. Woodring stated that after he had talked to Mr. McGowan, he felt the increase in the fine was too steep. The General Government Committee recommends that the fine stay the same. Mr. Starniri suggested a fine of \$150.00. Mr. Drake stated that he had the snow becomes a hazard if they throw it in the street. Mr. McGowan responded that the department could plow the snow back. Mr. Drake responded that the department will do that, but the residents do not work together to move the cars so they can plow the parking area. Mr. Starniri added that the ordinance discusses not throwing leaves in the street, but in the fall, the Borough has leave pickup and the leaves are put in the street. Motion by Mr. Starniri to amend the Ordinance to allow a \$100.00 fine for throwing the snow in the street. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes were cast by: Ms. Howey, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Woodring. Motion to raise the fine to \$100.00 for throwing snow into the street passed by a four to three vote. Mr. Minotti will draft something up for the next meeting.

POLICE:

1. Mr. Starniri thanked Chief Parkansky for using Nixle. He had signed up for the program and is already receiving messages. Chief Parkansky will be putting out a press release on the program shortly.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins has received notification that the Borough will be receiving a \$13,605.54 grant from the Fire Commissioner. The funds will be used for a washer extractor and the replacement of face pieces for air masks.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones requested a short Caucus before adjournment.
2. Mr. Drake informed Council that the Borough is running low on salt. There had been an accident at the salt plant and it will be temporarily closing down. He had just received his January 3, 2013 shipment.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti suggested that some of the staff should attend a webinar entitled "Managing Employee Data & Security Risks in the Digital World" on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at noon.
2. Mr. Minotti would like to have an Executive Session to discuss the Assise matter prior to the adjournment of this evening's meeting.

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Freemansburg. Senator Lisa Boscola will be the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the status of the roof repairs. Mr. Feinberg responded that the Engineer was working with an architect for the plans for repairs. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer was concerned about more leaks occurring in the roof.
2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer informed Council that the school district was willing to add the Crossing Guards to the list of people who will be notified on changes to the schedule due to weather and other emergencies. Ms. Lohrman is working with Ms. Verba in getting the contact information to the school district.
3. After an Executive Session, Mr. Starniri made Motion to have the proper officers of the Borough execute the paperwork affirming the termination of Officer Assise. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted in favor of the Motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$325,883.46 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starnir. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Woodring made a Motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY