

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 10, 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	Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russ Lipari
James McGowan	Louis Starniri
Ryan Woodring	

ABSENT:

David Jones, 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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 27, 2014 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Charles Kern of 1900 Fairview Avenue appeared before Council to discuss the problems that are causing him to be behind on the garbage and sewer bill. He is attempting to settle his father's estate. He has appealed a decision by the Department of Public Welfare concerning the estate. Mr. Kern plans on paying the majority of the delinquent bill with his income tax refund that he will receive in the next few weeks. Council felt that he would have the income tax refund prior to the water being shut off of the property.

2. Pat Messman, Director of the LINC'S center, appeared before Council to discuss the programs that are available at the center to the Wilson community. WASD donates the space at the old cafeteria building at the middle school. A fitness center is available for a fee of \$12.00 per month. The center assists the residents with food drives, clothing, school supplies, summer programs for students and senior programs. The center will also act as a referral source for people in need. The center is self-funded and receives grant money and accepts donations. Mr. Messman will supply Ms. Lohrman for information that can be provided to residents.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A Letter of Resignation from Council effective February 10, 2014 was received from David Williams.

2. A letter from Lehigh Valley Region AACA was received requesting permission to hold their annual dinner dance at the Stausser Community Center on October 25, 2014. A sample flyer for the dance was provided. Mr. McGowan inquired what the fee would be. Ms. Lohrman responded that they had not asked for a waiver of the fee. She thought the fee would be the standard \$200.00 fee plus the \$100.00 refundable, cleanup fee. Mr. McGowan felt it should be more. A discussion was held on what the fee had been agreed upon several months ago when Mr. Lipari had questioned opening up the center rental to the residents of the WASD. The fee would remain the same as it had been. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the event to be held at the standard rental fee with appropriate insurance provided. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Woodring. Mr. McGowan cast a Negative vote. Motion to allow the event at the standard fee plus the appropriate insurance coverage passed by a six to one vote.

3. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Police Pension Board that there would be a conference call on Friday, February 14, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Lohrman has provided the call in information. She will forward the presentation documentation when she receives it.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking application from Mildred Aviles of 1804 Ferry Street. Ms. Aviles does not have access to off street parking and there are no other handicapped spots on the block. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Starniri. The Handicapped Parking application was approved unanimously.

2. Chief Parkansky informed Council that there had been a fatal accident this morning at 6:30. A woman had been killed while crossing the street. The investigation is on-going. The Coroner and the State Police are assisting.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman had received the information for the Annual PSAB conference from April 6-9, 2014 at the Penn Stater in State College. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri will be attending. Ms. Lohrman will make the reservations. Mr. McGowan will be the Borough's Voting Delegate and Mayor Perruso will be the Alternate Voting Delegate at the conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky reported that the NIXLE program was going well.
2. Mr. Woodring questioned the practice of ticketing vehicles on the street that had snow on them. Chief Parkansky responded that there had been complaints regarding vehicles that had not been moved within the 72 hour time frame stated in the ordinance. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned the removal of snow on the sidewalks. Chief Parkansky will look into the matter. Mr. Lipari asked about the distance for clearance of the snow. Chief Parkansky responded that the ordinance did not state a distance. Mr. Lipari expressed his displeasure of saving parking space with furniture items and garbage cans. He understands the practice, but is disappointed by the lack of common courtesy displayed by residents to each other. Mr. Drake responded that he is willing to plow back the snow on the block, but everyone needs to have the cars moved.

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake stated that he is having a problem with people plowing lots and moving the snow from the lots into the streets. There are ruts in the alleys and streets from people throwing the snow back into street.

Mr. Drake has received an additional three loads of salt.

During a snow emergency, there will be snow pushed onto the sidewalks as they are trying to plow the snow from curb to curb.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that there will be a meeting on February 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to rehire Charles Marsteller as the Manager of the Meuser Pool. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the rehiring of Mr. Marsteller as Pool Manager.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti had prepared a draft ordinance amending Ordinance No. 403. Mr. Starniri stated that Council had agreed to make the fine \$100.00 for throwing snow, ice, grass cutting, etc. not a fine of \$300.00 as contained in the draft. A discussion was held concerning the default of payment being up to ten (10) days imprisonment in the County prison. Mr. Starnini made a Motion to advertise the amended draft changing the fine to be \$100.00 and the amended ordinance changed from 703 to 403. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the ordinance.

2. Mr. Minotti had received information concerning a class action suit involving municipal derivatives from Trinity Funding. Ms. Lohrman will contact US Bank to see if the derivatives had ever been in the portfolio.

3. Mr. Minotti had some questions on the updated Floodplain Ordinance. He will contact Mr. Corriere with his questions.

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan has not received any information regarding the next MECAB meeting.

2. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the last MECAB meeting with Senator Boscola was excellent and was very well attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired about the roof project. Mr. Feinberg responded that the engineer had wanted to do some core samples to see what was under the roof, but had not been able to because of the weather.

2. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to accept the resignation of David Williams from Council and to advertise for the vacant position in the 2nd Ward. Second by Mr. Starniri. Letters of Interest will be due prior to the February 24, 2014 Council Meeting. Council unanimously approved the Motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that Easton Hospital was going to be providing Shingle shots this Thursday for a \$5.00 fee. He urged Council members to contact the hospital for further information.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$66,436.62 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY