

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 24, 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
Russ Lipari
Louis Starniri

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Albie Perruso appeared before Council on behalf of the Wilson Lion's Club to ask for permission to close Washington Blvd. from 22nd Street to 24th Street on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a "Show and Shine" Car Show. Rain date would be August 10, 2014. Insurance will be provided to the Borough. Spectator parking will be available on the Safavieh parking lot next to the warehouse. Traffic will enter and exit form 22nd and Ferry Streets. Part of the proceeds will go to the Northeast Eye Bank. Mr. Perruso will also be speaking to the Wilson School District about using their parking lots for the event. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the closure of Washington Blvd. from 22nd Street to 24th Street for the car show. Second by Ms. Howey. Council unanimously approved the street closure.

2. Deacon Walter Bright, a Deacon from Shiloh Baptist Church, appeared before Council to request the use of Meuser Park, on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hold a semi-annual outreach event. Tables with giveaways and free food and clothing will be there along with free health screenings, music and preaching by Pastor Davis. 300 to 350 people will be expected at the event. There will not be any advertising done and there will be about 20 security people present. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the event if the park is available on May 18, 2014. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the event. Deacon Bright will contact the office to check on the availability of the park and will provide insurance for the event.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. An email was received from Ryan Woodring stating that he is officially and regretfully resigning from Council in order to take a new job on the west coast. Motion to accept Mr. Woodring's resignation was made by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously accepted Mr. Woodring's resignation. Ms. Lohrman was instructed to advertise for the second vacancy and contact the Vacancy Board to fill the first vacancy left by Mr. Williams' resignation.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received a request from Dan Redington asking for permission to hold a concert by the Singing Boys Choir and the Keystone Girls Choir in the community center on July 20, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The groups require a bathroom to be used as a dressing room in close proximity of the stage. Mr. Redington felt that the community center would be large enough to hold the concert and he would not have to be concerned about the weather. Mr. Lipari suggested possibly using the high school for the concert. Ms. Lohrman will mention the thought to Mr. Redington. Motion to allow the concert in

the community center by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved the request to use the community center for the July 20, 2014 concert.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the refrigerator at the community center had broken down during the February 14, 2014 weekend. Mr. Drake and Ms. Lohrman had gotten it fixed last week, but the repairman had said not to put any additional funds into it. After a short discussion, Mr. Starniri made a Motion to replace the refrigerator with a standard residential model; not a commercial model. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted to replace the refrigerator.

Ms. Lohrman had received a request for a refund of the cost of ice from one of the people who had rented the center over the weekend the refrigerator had broken down. Council agreed not to refund any expenses due to any malfunctioning equipment. Ms. Lohrman will add the wording to the rental agreement.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari apologized for missing the committee meeting that had been scheduled for last week. The meeting will be rescheduled shortly.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has prepared Ordinance No. 769 which is before Council tonight.

2. Mr. Minotti informed Council that special rules apply to the termination of water to rental units. Mr. Minotti will be preparing a resolution and the forms for the next meeting for Council to consider. Both the property owner and the tenants need to be notified prior to water termination. The tenants have the right to pay the bill. Civil penalties may be incurred. Office staff will continue to use the revocation of Rental Licenses until the resolution is prepared.

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on February 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Northampton. Sgt. Simon Bodie will discuss gang awareness.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paul Horninger of 1547 Lehigh Street appeared before Council to discuss a parking issue on S. 16th Street. There is a garage located at S. 16th Street and Spruce Street that parks cars on the street. The cars don't move for weeks at a time. The notary office located at 16th and Lehigh Streets also puts cars on the street that don't move. At times, the plates on the vehicles are moved from one car to another. Mr. Drake acknowledged that there are cars on S. 16th Street that had been moved in the last three snow storms. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Corriere will work together in remedying the problem.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 769 – Amending Ordinance No. 403. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri. No Negative votes were cast. Ordinance No. 769 was passed by a unanimous vote of Council.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$112,303.55 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 7:32 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY