

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 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
David Jones	Matt Larimer
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russ Lipari
James McGowan	

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri

Also present were: Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Steven Parkansky, Chief Michael Collins, Assistant Director of Public Works Ronald Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Mike Folwer requested permission to use the Strausser Community Center in order to hold a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser for the Wilson High School Girl's Lacrosse Club. The funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the girls to use. The Club has started practice this week. Ms. Lohrman stated that the office had received a letter requesting the use of the center for a specific date, but that date was already booked. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the dinner to be held at the center without a rental fee being charged. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously voted in favor of the event being held. Mr. Folwer will contact the office to schedule the spaghetti dinner.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was resignation letter from the Wilson Police Department was received from Joseph Nunes. Officer Nunes has secured a full-time position with the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority Police. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to accept Officer Nunes' resignation. Second by Mr. Jones. Borough Council unanimously accepted Officer Nunes' resignation.

2. A letter was received from Matthew Chartrand, Bohler Engineering, requesting Borough Council to waive the Land Development requirements and approvals for the construction of a parking lot for Patient First use on Lots 14 and 15 at the intersection of 25th Street and Forest Street. Plans for the proposed parking lot will be filed with the Borough for review and approval by the Borough Engineer. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that she would like to have sidewalks along the 25th Street side of the property. Mr. Corriere responded that the outside of the property along 25th Street was in Palmer Township. Mr. McGowan felt the matter had been discussed before. Patient First had put in sidewalks on their property when the building was constructed. Mr. Lipari made a Motion to waive the Land Development requirement and have the sidewalks installed along the 25th Street side of the property. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously voted to waive the Land Development requirement and have the sidewalks put in along the property.

3. A letter of interest was received from Mathew Larimer in the vacant seat on Wilson Borough Council. Mr. Larimer has lived in the Borough at 1954 Fairview Avenue since 2009, has served in the US Army and is a Federal employee. Mr. Larimer had been an Operations Center Officer and Human Resource Specialist at the Lehigh Valley International Airport and is now serving in recruitment and placement of health care professionals for two hospitals and nine community based outpatient clinics. Mr. Larimer has a MS in Homeland Security and Public Administration. Mr. Larimer was a volunteer firefighter/EMT while living in Forks Township and was an assistant coach for Easton's 7th and 8th grade lacrosse team. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Mr. Larimer to the Council seat vacated by David Williams. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously appointed Mr. Larimer to Borough Council.

Mayor Perruso then swore in Mr. Larimer as a Council person. Mr. Larimer took his seat on Council.

4. An email letter of interest was received from Pamela Taylor in the second vacant seat on Wilson Borough Council. Ms. Taylor resides at 1943 Fairview Avenue. Ms. Taylor has been involved in a number of committees with the Raritan Valley Hadassah. She created an MS fundraising team which participated in the Walk and Bike events. Ms. Taylor has also created and produced a number of concerts over the years for the benefit of AIDS Resource Foundation for Children. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Pamela Taylor to the Council seat vacated by Ryan Woodring. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously appointed Pamela Taylor to Borough Council.

Ms. Taylor was unable to attend this evening's Council meeting due to a prior commitment.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received the new ordinances and revised contracts from the PMRS for the Non-Uniform and Fire Pension Plans. Ms. Lohrman requested Mr. Minotti and Borough Council to review the documents and Mr. Minotti to prepare the appropriate advertisements for the Ordinances. The documents must be passed and executed by May 15, 2014. Mr. Minotti agreed to proceed with the request.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky informed Council that the new Police car should be in this week. It is an Explorer like the one the Borough Police already has.

2. Chief Parkansky had Officer Fritts working on the parking problem at 16th and Spruce Streets. Officer Fritts ticketed between 30 and 40 cars. The other officers are watching the cars being parked in the area also.

3. Chief Parkansky has been working on revamping the handicapped parking process. The Police Department will be using a new, standardized form.

FIRE:

1. A photography studio has contacted Chief Collins asking for permission to take photos of the Fire Department and hang them in the Pediatric Ward at Easton Hospital. Council had no objections to the photos being taken.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that the committee had a preliminary meeting prior to this evening's Council meeting to discuss the upcoming pool season. The committee will be meeting again on March 24, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. The Manager is contacting the Life Guards to see who is interested in returning this summer. The pool will be reopening on May 24, 2014. There will be one daily rate for everyone. Season passes will go on sale on May 17, 2014.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti presented Council with information on the termination of water service to rental properties. Mr. Minotti had discussed the matter with Dick Wamsley. The paperwork meets all the tenants rights requirements. Notices are included with the packet. Mr. Minotti will prepare the documents for the next Council meeting.

Mr. Wamsley has been revoking rental licenses when the sewer and garbage bills are delinquent. The bills are usually brought current before the license has been pulled. Mr. Feinberg stated that in the few cases the matter went before the District Judge, the ruling had been in the Borough's favor.

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the topic of the last MECAB meeting in February was signs of drug dealing. The MECAB meeting in March will be held in Bath.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that he was getting information on a system like the school district has that could be used to contact Borough residents informing them about snow emergencies and garbage collections and other informational items.

2. Mr. Feinberg is in the process of getting information on the ordinance that Allentown and Palmer Township had recently passed concerning vacant properties and deeds in lieu of foreclosures. There is a company that finds the banks that are holding these vacant properties. The process will not cost the Borough anything and the properties will be taken care of.

3. Mr. Feinberg is also getting information on a pothole killer. It is a one person machine that fills in the potholes and is a more permanent fix than cold patch.

4. The engineer who is handling the roof project will be attending the March 24, 2014 Council meeting in order to discuss the three options available to fix the roof on the municipal building.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$111,475.25 were paid on a Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY