

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNE 23, 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	Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russell Lipari
James McGowan	Louis Starniri
Pamela Taylor	

ABSENT:

David Jones, Matthew Larimer

Also present were: Mayor David Perruso, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Director of Public Works Greg Drake, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Council meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. An unidentified gentleman who plays tennis at Meuser Park complimented the Borough on the condition of the courts. The number of courts in the area is declining, but the Borough's courts are well maintained. A friend of the gentleman is willing to purchase and maintain a wind shield for the fence closest to the parking lot. The shield would be clear and the Police would be able to see through it. The shield would be donated in memory of the man's mother. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to accept the gift. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously accepted the gift of the windshield. Mr. Drake was directed to assist putting the wind shield up. Mr. Drake offered to take the wind shield down in the winter.

The gentleman also questioned why the middle school tennis courts were kept locked. The gentleman was directed to contact the school district.

2. A man named Steven appeared before Council to request permission to use the park for a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. He would like to hold the event in September. Steven was requested to return to the July 14, 2014 with details of what the event would entail.

3. Allison Palinkis appeared before Council to discuss several issues at the swimming pool. Recently there was a group of young teenagers who were hanging out in the parking lot at the pool and one of them went to the trailer owned by the gentleman who runs the refreshment stand and stole a bottle of water. Ms. Palinkis said something to the young man about the bottle of water. The young man put the bottle of water back, but verbally abused Ms. Palinkis. Mr. Rich was advised about the theft. Ms. Palinkis stated that people are swimming in the pool in street clothing. There has been a sign in the swimming area stating that swimming attire must be worn while swimming, but it is not enforced. Mr. Rich actively roasts nuts at the pool. There are people who frequent the pool or would frequent the pool that are allergic to nuts. Mr. Lipari responded that there is a sign in the refreshment stand area about nuts being on the premises. Ms. Palinkis also stated that the life guards are not adequately being supervised. There was recently an incident where someone went off the diving board before another swimmer had cleared the area. There are also older kids swimming in the baby pool and life guards are not in their stands. Mr. Lipari addressed each of Ms. Palinkis' issues and will discuss them with Mr. Marsteller tomorrow. Mr. Drake was directed to put a sign at the swimming pool entrance about nut products being on the premises. Mr. Lipari stated that the success of the pool rested with the Pool Manager. Mr. Drake is responsible for the physical pool itself.

4. Dan Redington, Mary Meuser Library Director, informed Council that the insurance company adjuster will be at the library on Wednesday, June 25, 2015 to look at the mold problem. Mr. Redington has received one bid for the mold remediation. He expects two more bids. There will be a Library Board meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 evening. The summer programs have begun. They are being held in the annex.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. An email was received from Shannon Heckman of 1829 Fairview Avenue requesting permission

to close the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue on July 4<sup>th</sup> for their annual block party. The street would be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the closure of the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue for the block party. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the street closure.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received an application for a Handicapped Parking spot at 2407 Lennox Street. The resident has no off-street parking and all criteria have been met. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the Handicapped Parking spot at 2407 Lennox Street. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved the Handicapped Parking spot for 2407 Lennox Street.

2. Mr. Starniri informed Council that there was an active shooter training recently. The event worked very well. Several local Police Departments participated along with Fire and EMS. Another event will be held shortly.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the certificate of deposit rates from three local banks for the renewal of the four certificate of deposits that are maturing on June 29, 2014. Ms. Lohrman stated that Lafayette Ambassador Bank has very attractive rates for a 36 month and 48 month terms for CDs. Partial withdrawals will be allowed, but there will be penalties on the amount withdrawn prematurely. Ms. Lohrman suggested removing \$300,000 from the CDs at maturity in order to pay for the roof. Mr. McGowan objected that Council had not discussed where the funds for the roof would come from. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to remove \$300,000 from the Cds to be used for the roof. Second by Mr. Lipari. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri and Ms. Taylor. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion to use \$300,000 for the roof repair at the municipal building passed by a six to one vote.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to invest \$1.2M for 48 months at Lafayette Ambassador Bank with the renewing certificate of deposit funds. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously voted to reinvest the funds at Lafayette Ambassador Bank for 48 months.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky informed Council that he had met with the Civil Service Commission and they had made several revisions to the Rules and Regulations. The fee for Police testing was increased from \$35.00 to \$65.00 to cover for the increases in the actual testing. A passing grade of 70% will be required on both the oral and written exams for all levels. Oral interviews will be conducted by members of the PA Police Chiefs Association. Motion for Borough Council to approve the revisions to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the revisions to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

2. Chief Parkansky reminded Council that Sgt. Cal Siegfried would be retiring on August 1, 2014. Chief Parkansky would like permission to test for the Police and Sgt. Positions. Motion by Mr. Starniri to authorize the testing for both positions. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the Police testing.

##### FIRE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that it would cost \$400.00 to purchase the portable stop signs. It would cost \$440.00 in overtime if the employees were called out to put up the signs. The funds to pay for the signs will come out of the Liquid Fuel money. Council agreed to proceed with the purchase of the portable stop signs.

2. Mr. Drake informed Council that the road work had been put out for bid. Ms. Lohrman added that several people had picked up the bid packets.

3. Mr. Drake stated that he had been at the pool the other day and the lifeguards were not in their chairs. Mr. Drake agreed that he would only be responsible for the physical aspects of the pool. He will contact Mr. Lipari with any other issues at the pool.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested authorization for Mr. Minotti to advertise the approved amendments of the Floodplain Ordinance. Motion to authorize the advertisement of the amendments for the July 14, 2014 Council meeting. Second by Mrs. Lily-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the advertisement of the Floodplain Ordinance.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman received a request from Tax Collector Dorothy Klass to revise Resolution 974 from 1999 to include the current fees for Tax Certifications, Memo Bills and Duplicate Bills. Ms. Lohrman was authorized to prepare the Resolution for the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$153,683.28 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY