

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The First Meeting of September 2014 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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
Matthew Larimer

Winnie Howey
Russell Lipari
Pamela Taylor
David Jones

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Council meeting.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library was present to inform Council about an issue taking place with the library board. On August 26, 2014 a mandatory executive session was called. Five board members attended and four were absent. The four who were absent were dismissed by the five present. Council and Solicitor Minotti had discussion over the legality of this action and how it relates to the Sun-shine Law. Mr. Minotti advised Council that there is much research to be done to determine if the five board members' actions were legal.
Mr. Redington also mentioned that the Library Board members were planning to turn all maintenance bills for the Library over to Council to be reimbursed.
A motion was made by Mr. McGowan, second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, to have Solicitor Minotti research and clarify how the Sun-shine law applies. Council unanimously approved the motion.
Council members are of the opinion that there are no vacancies on the Library Board.
Mr. Redington thanked Mr. Drake for helping with the street closing for the recent Book Fair. The Children's Department is up and running again with much thanks to Air Care and Restoration and Mr. Drake.
2. Mr. Adesh Odyssey of 1531 Washington Street addressed Council to ask that he be considered for any openings on the Library Board. Ms. Garcia acknowledged his letter of interest.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Lucy Rampulla, meter attendant. After 21 years of service to the Borough, Ms. Rampulla will be retiring October 31, 2014. Council members spoke of Lucy's long career with the Borough. She was an excellent employee and will be greatly missed.
Upon a motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, seconded by Mr. Lipari, council unanimously agreed to accept Ms. Rampulla's resignation. Ms. Garcia will send a letter of thanks.
2. Ms. Garcia read a letter from Recreation Board member David Jones. Mr. Jones has resigned from the Rec-Board due to time constraints.
A motion was made by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to accept Mr. Jones' resignation. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously accepted Mr. Jones' resignation and thanked him for his years of service to the Borough.
Mr. Feinberg appointed Councilman Matthew Larimer to the open seat on the Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso told Council that Chief Parkansky will be looking for a replacement for Ms. Rampulla's job.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that all the tables at Liberty Park had been broken. They have all been removed and so have the bushes. This will allow a clearer view of what is happening in the park.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mayor Perruso advised Council that there will be a MECAB meeting September 24, 2014 in Wilson. The speaker will be the Sheriff of Northampton County.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$43,372.66 were paid on a Motion by Ms. 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 7:41 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA, BOROUGH CLERK