

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 24, 2014

The Second Meeting of November 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
David Jones

Winnie Howey
Russell Lipari
Pamela Taylor
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Mayor David Perruso, Fire Chief Michael Collins, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Director of Public Works Greg Drake, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere and Solicitor Louis Minotti, Jr.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the November 10, 2014 Council meeting.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Barry Willever of 932 S. 24th street addressed the Council about speeding cars and accidents behind his house (23rd St. Extension). He suggested dropping the speed limit and adding more signs. Chief Parkansky said the street is too short for speed timing but he can increase patrols. He offered to investigate the area and call Mr. Willever.

Mr. Norman Schaeffer of 100 S. 18th Street was present representing AARP. AARP normally gives a yearly cash donation to the Borough. This year they would like to purchase new card tables for the community center in lieu of the donation. Mr. Starniri made a motion to allow the donation of new tables, pending the approval of the card club participants. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the donation of new card tables upon the approval of the card club.

Mr. Robert Hare of 810 Miller was present to thank the Borough for addressing some of his concerns from the last meeting, regarding intersections in his neighborhood he feels to be dangerous. He added that the yellow curbs at the intersections still need to be painted. Mr. Drake advised him that painting will be done in the spring.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Lillian Shelly from National Penn Bank requested to use Council Chambers two Saturdays in January for mortgage seminars. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer made a motion to approve. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed to allow National Penn Bank to use the Council Chambers.

Mr. Redington, director of Mary Meuser Memorial Library discussed the appointment of library board members. The members serve 3 year positions and these positions are supposed to be staggered. Somewhere in the past, appointments got off track. It was decided that the Library must temporarily amend its bylaws to get the appointments back in sync. Council will approve the amendment and also the re-amendment as needed.

Jamie Halper of Cross Fit Bane requested permission to post a notice at Borough Hall, advertising free community work outs on the First Saturday of the month. She also offered work outs to the fire and police departments. Council members approved.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from the sister of a deceased resident. Julieann Smith of New Milford CT, sister of Rudy Zatovich (deceased) 1844 Ferry Street wrote to request her brother's property no longer get billed for trash service. Borough Ordinances state that if there is water usage at a property, there will also be a trash bill. She is staying at the home a couple times a week but insists there is no trash usage. Council agreed that as long as there is water usage the property will continue to be billed for trash per the Borough Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky advised Council that Doug Wagner of the WASD requested a meeting regarding safety at the High School. He requested to shut down the southbound lane to make Warrior lane a one-way street from 7:15 am to 7:40 am. This is being done in the afternoon and works quite well. Mr. Lipari made a motion to close the southbound lane of Warrior lane from 7:15 am to 7:40 am on school days. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and Council concurred.

Chief Parkansky told Council Mr. Drake had obtained prices for the Fencing \$800 and the Lighting \$1500 improvements at Borough Hall. These were safety items previously addressed at a past Council meeting. Mr. Starniri made a motion to proceed with the fencing and lighting improvements. Second by Ms. Howey. Council unanimously approved the fencing and lighting.

FIRE:

Chief Collins told Council he will be losing 2 out of 3 part time drivers. He requested Council approve the hiring of two part time drivers from Palmer Township. Mr. Starniri made a motion to hire Thomas Pursel and John Zwally as new part time drivers. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously agreed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake said he is aware of the sidewalks to be completed by Patient First. These will not be done until the weather is warm again.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Minotti explained he has been working with Mr. Wamsley and Ms. Garcia regarding a number of Borough owned properties which are tax exempt. The County is questioning their use and exempt status. Most pertain to the bike path or municipal properties. Mr. Minotti will be filing a petition to keep these all exempt.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$464,129.26 were paid on a Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY