

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

The Second 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
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

David Jones

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Council meeting.

CAUCAS:

Council went in caucus at 7:05 pm to discuss personnel matters. They returned at 8:15pm.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso announced that 2014 Trick-or-Treat will be held on Friday, October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Parkansky told Council he had the Civil Service Certified List and requested Council to consider giving Daniel Patchioli a conditional offer of employment and to hire Mr. Patchioli after a background investigation. Mr. Starniri made a motion to offer Mr. Patchioli conditional employment. He will be hired after a successful background check. Second by Ms. Howey. Council unanimously agreed.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins asked Council to sign a resolution to enable the Fire Department to apply for Monroe County Gaming Grant monies.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that the street lights on Washington Boulevard will be replaced and or fixed.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Drake said Liberty Park is now open. Mr. Lipari asked Chief Parkansky to enforce the age limit in the park.

ATTORNEY:

1. Solicitor Minotti talked about a class action law suit the Borough was notified of, regarding Municipal Derivatives. The Borough does not have any of these.
2. Mr. Minotti told Council that he received a phone call regarding an escrow account the Borough is holding in the name of Tammy Slayton. Mr. Corriere explained that the escrow money cannot be returned until the property has a clear c/o, even if it has been sold.

COG:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed all present of the Mecab meeting being held in the Community Center Tuesday October 9 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Perruso said it would nice to see some Council Members there.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lipari made a motion to hire Jill Garcia as the Borough Manager at a salary of \$57,000.00 per year. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Ms. Taylor. Negative votes were cast by Mr. Larmier and Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion carried by a six to two vote.

Mr. Lipari made a motion to hire a new Borough Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed to hire a new Borough Clerk.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer made a motion to hire a Borough Secretary. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Lipari made a motion (amending his previous motion) to hire Jill Garcia as the Borough Manager/Secretary at a salary of \$57,000.00 per year effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Ms. Taylor. Negative votes were cast by Mr. Larmier and Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion carried by a six to two vote.

Council had a discussion on the job of Treasurer and who can and should hold this position. This issue will be looked at closer at a later date.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1209 – Authorizing Wilson Borough Fire Department to apply for Monroe County gaming funds. Motion to ratify Resolution 1209 by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Howey

ORDINANCES:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$211,052.05 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:40p.m. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY