

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 27, 2014

The Second Meeting of October 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, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Solicitor Louis Minotti, Jr.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 13, 2014 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the October 13, 2014 Council meeting.

GUEST:

Mr. Charles Curtis with Verizon Fleet presented a plan to Council to install GPS devices into Borough vehicles. The GPS devices can show how long a vehicle idles, where it is located and problems that may be occurring with a vehicle's systems. The application is web-based. Cost is \$19 per month per vehicle with a set-up fee of \$119 per vehicle. This includes a life time warranty. Chief Parkansky voiced concerns with this for Police vehicles. Mr. Starniri added that it is great technology, but Wilson is a small Borough and the department heads should be in charge of their people. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer would like to discuss at budget meetings.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library presented Council with the Library's 2015 proposed Budget. Mr. Siebler and other Library Board members were also present. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the need for more Library funding and ways that funding may possibly be obtained.

Mr. Dave Smeltz, pee-wee coach and football board member asked to speak to Council about the football game that was held at the high school stadium. Younger boys from Williams Township and Wilson played a special game at the high school field. Mr. Smeltz heard that Council was upset with this. The event was to start a tradition for the younger kids who will eventually be a team at the high school level. Ms. Lilly said one pee-wee coach told her he would rather his kids play at Fisk Field. Mr. Smeltz said all the head coaches were for it and there was no disrespect involved. The use fee was waived and the cost of the custodian was shared with Williams Township.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from the Wilson Area High School thanking Council for allowing them to use the Strausser Community Center to administer PSAT testing.

MS 4 PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:

Mr. Feinberg read the following to Council and Residents,

In 1972, the 1948 Federal Water Pollution Control Act was reorganized and expanded and is now what is commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA). Under the CWA, the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented various pollution control programs. One part of the act is that it prohibits the discharge of pollutants into waterways without the appropriate permits. These permits are designed to reduce the pollutant levels in the stormwater discharge. Wilson Borough, like every urbanized Borough and Township in Pennsylvania, has various storm sewer facilities, such as storm sewer piping systems and detention basins which discharge storm water. These are considered to be a "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" and is regulated and permitted under the MS4 Program which, in Pennsylvania, is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).

As part of the MS4 Program, one of the Minimum Control Measures (MCM) is to provide education to the public so that each individual can help keep our waterways cleaner for future generations.

Wilson Borough residents can find detailed information about this program and other stormwater related materials on the Borough's website at www.wilsonborough.org under the "Stormwater Quality" tab. The website includes articles and information that outline various activities that individuals and homeowners can do to help control water pollution. There are other opportunities for the public, both individual and community groups, to get involved with to help reduce stormwater pollution. Anyone interested in helping out with this worthy cause can contact the Wilson Borough Office at 610-258-6142 to discuss the possibilities.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer made a motion to hire Stephanie N. Jones as the Borough Clerk at a salary of \$15.00 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested that a fence be put up between the municipal building and the house next to it for safety reasons. Mr. Starniri asked that he get together with Mr. Drake and work out the figures.

Chief Parkansky also requested better lighting outside the Police Station, given the recent assaults at other stations.

Mr. Feinberg made a motion to repeal ordinance #751: Notification of Lost or Stolen Firearms. This law is now in conflict with PA State law and could result in litigation for the Borough. Motion seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously concurred.

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Funds have been received from Patient First for sidewalks. Ms. Garcia will speak with Mr. Drake about having the sidewalks completed.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan informed all present that the October 2014 MECAB meeting will be held in Coplay.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Corriere addressed council about the current Home Program. Previous years have been reconciled and closed out. Mr. Corriere asked that Council consider stopping the program. Given the new state regulations, smaller contractors are willing/unable to do the jobs.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus at 8:20 pm to discuss personnel matters. They exited at 9:05 pm.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$545,110.03 were paid on a Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY