

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
January 12, 2015

The First Meeting of January 2015 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
Louis Starniri

Winnie Howey
Russell Lipari
Pamela Taylor
David Jones

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 22, 2014 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the December 22, 2014 Council meeting.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso advised Council that the Lehigh Valley Municipal Development Authority has requested a meeting in regards to the Dixie project.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia told Council that a CD with Merchants Bank is maturing on 1/31/15. Council requested she research available rates and report back at the next meeting.

Ms. Garcia advised Council that she had received correspondence from Northampton County about a parcel currently being held in the County Repository. It is parcel #L9SW2A 1314A 0837 on Northampton Street. It is located at the rear of 1903 Northampton Street. This parcel is approximately 12' by 20' and is landlocked. Mr. Mercado of 1018 Bushkill St., Easton PA has made an offer of \$1.00 for the property. Council is required to approve or deny the sale. Council decided to table the decision until Mr. Mercado explains what he will do with the property. Ms. Garcia will contact him to attend the next Council meeting on January 26, 2015.

Ms. Garcia told Council that the agreement for service on air/heating units with CHE Mechanical was due to be signed. Current price is \$2,100.00 for 1 year and runs from October 15, 2014 through October 14, 2015. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept the contract with CHE. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously concurred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Seven crossing guards have resigned and there have been no new applications submitted.

FIRE:

Chief Collins informed Council that two part time firemen had resigned. They are Mr. Modavis and Mr. Dunfee. The chief requested Council's permission to hire a new part time employee, Robert Luwellis. Mr. Starniri made a motion to hire Ms. Luwellis. Mr. Lipari seconded and council unanimously agreed to hire Mr. Luwellis as a part time fire man.

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan advised Council that MECAB is looking for a place to hold their January 28, 2015 meeting.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$129,605.78 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Larimer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Howey told Council that the property on N. 16th Street behind the Synagogue has been cleaned up and looks good. Mr. Corriere added that he had gone through some of the discarded trash bags, got some addresses and gave to Chief Parkansky.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

Council readdressed the issue of alcohol at the Community Center. Greg Guldin of Higgins insurance, (who handles the Borough's liability insurance with PIRMA) advised that the Borough will not be covered if there is a law suit involving alcohol. The rental contract for the Center must be rewritten and reviewed by Mr. Minotti. Motion by Mr. Lipari to stop allowing alcohol at the Community Center. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

No one has been found to open and close the Center for events. The fire department is currently handling it.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a caucus regarding personnel matters at 7:35 p.m. and exited at 7:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY