

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
March 9, 2015

The First Meeting of March 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

Winnie Howey  
David Jones  
Russell Lipari  
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Council meeting.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Joshua Fulmer of 2129 Northampton Street was present to ask Council to waive the shut off fee on his delinquent sewer/refuse account. He said he was not made aware by the office staff that there was a specific date the bill had to be paid by, in order to avoid the fee. Ms. Garcia advised Council that the subject sewer bill had not been paid for a year. There have been many notices sent to the owner. Last payment made prior to this was also after a year of delinquent bills. There was discussion between Mr. Fulmer and Council as to why the bill was unpaid for so long. Upon a motion by Mr. Lipari, seconded by Mr. Jones, Council unanimously voted to leave the shut off fee in place on Mr. Fulmer's account.

Mr. Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Library addressed Council to explain details of the summer concert series. There is an extra weekend this summer. Mr. Redington asked Council to approve an additional \$450 to fill the whole calendar. Mr. Lipari said the park is full for these events and it is a great thing to offer the residents. Motion by Ms. Lilly Kemmerer to allow the additional \$450 to be spent to fill the summer concert series line up. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed. Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Redington if he has looked into Music Performance Trust Funds. There is money available for free concerts. Ms. Taylor and Mr. Redington will speak about this.

Beth Henley, Treasurer of Wilson Borough Wrestling asked for permission to use the Community Center free of charge for Wrestling's end of year parties. There will be one party for the wrestlers and one for the cheerleaders. Two nights are being requested, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon a motion by Mr. Lipari, seconded by Mr. Larimer, Council unanimously approved Wrestling's request.

Ms. Henley also requested that the barricades be put back in the 1500 block of Spring Garden Street. Mr. Drake explained they were being hit by cars and needed to be taken down, but there are do not enter signs there. Chief Parkansky said he would add extra patrols to the area.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Corriere, on behalf of the Lions, requested Council's permission to close Washington Boulevard from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> for the Lions' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Show & Shine" Car Expo. Motion by Mr. Lipari to approve closures for the Lions' Car Show. Second by Mr. Larimer. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia presented a letter from Jennifer Burd, SADD advisor at WASD. She requested closure of the 2200 Block of Washington Boulevard on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm for a drinking and driving accident simulation. Police Fire and EMS will be participating. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the closure of Washington Boulevard for the simulation. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

Ms. Garcia presented a letter from Samuel Delsarro requesting two 30 minute parking spaces at his business, Delsco Flooring. It is located at 2015 Freemansburg Avenue. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer commented that frequently there are delivery trucks parked there taking up the existing parking spaces. Mr. Drake added that the business owner also plows the snow into two existing spots in the winter. Mayor Perruso said that the Borough has done this for many business owners in the past. Motion by Mr. Lipari to provide Delsco Flooring with two 30 minute parking spots, during business hours. Second by Mr. Larimer. Affirmative votes were cast by Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Larimer, Ms. Howey, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Jones. Negative vote cast by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Mr. McGowan abstained. The parking spaces were approved by Borough Council by a 6-1 vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso told Council there will be a PSAB breakfast in Wind Gap on April 2 from 7:15 am to 8:15 am. Cost is \$5.00 per person. The Mayor, Ms. Garcia and Mr. Drake will be attending.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### POLICE:

None

##### FIRE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake informed Council that after a delay, he had finally received a shipment of road salt.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari noted his Committee will be getting together to start readying the pool for the upcoming summer.

##### ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Minotti reviewed the new Community Center agreement and informed Council of changes to be made. Ms. Garcia will take care of having the forms revised.

##### COG:

None

##### MECAB:

None

#### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$85,235.54 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Corriere about the House Rehab program. Mr. Corriere said he is still waiting for a form from the agency regarding closing the program. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked if the program is active. Mr. Corriere said no.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Collins what kind of progress is being done with the rental inspections. Chief Collins explained they are going well. Inspections are getting done and Certificates of Occupancy are going out. Mr. Corriere added he has 2 to 3 inspections a day scheduled through the end of April. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Richard Wamsley, Rental Program Administrator if he is still working eight hours a day and if he still goes to the firehouse. He explained that any hours he is in the firehouse are deducted from his business office hours. Chief Collins added that Mr. Wamsley's position is where the revenue comes from. Mr. Feinberg noted that Mr. Wamsley has nothing to do with inspections. Mr. Corriere said that although Mr. Wamsley's job was part time in the beginning, no one had any idea what would be involved and how many rentals there were. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Solicitor Minotti if the Borough would have to provide medical benefits to Mr. Wamsley. Mr. Minotti said no.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer told Mr. Lipari that she had been advised that Mr. Lipari had instructed the Pool Manager and Assistant Manager to not collect pool pass money from 66 non-resident swim team participants. Mr. Lipari denied the accusation and said he would speak with Mr. Marstellar, the pool manager.

Mr. Larimer said the baseball association has requested help with Jeffrey and Fisk field pitcher mounds. They are looking at installing removable pitcher rubbers. Mr. Lipari asked why with \$50,000 in the Rec Board accounts they can't hire someone to do the work instead of relying on public works. Mr. Jones commented that in the past the parents had always gotten together to do things such as this. Mr. Drake said the Borough does the mowing lining and raking of the fields currently. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer said the money in the checking account is used up every year for bills and uniforms and the public works department has always done the work on the fields. She told Mr. Lipari to come to a meeting with his questions.

CAUCUS

A caucus was held on personnel matters.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Jones made a Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Second by Mr. Larimer and Council concurred.

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JILL A GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY