

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 23, 2015

The Second 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	Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Louis Starniri
James McGowan	Russell Lipari
Matthew Larimer	Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

David Jones

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:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer requested that one comment attributed to her regarding Mr. Wamsley's time in the Fire Department, be removed from the minutes because she did not make the comment. The Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting (with changes) were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council meeting.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Janie Jones-Brown of West Easton was present and spoke about the lack of crossing guards. She is concerned about kids getting to school safely and having more guards as soon as possible. Chief Parkansky explained that there are approximately seven open positions at the moment. He will reach out to Mr. Wagner at the school district to find out where they recommend guards be placed. It would also be beneficial for the school district to address all families about this issue. The Borough has no means to reach these families. Mr. Lipari mentioned the possibility of having students do their community service hours as guards. An audience member commented that all the crossing guards quit because their pay was cut. Mr. Lipari and Mr. Feinberg corrected her. The crossing guards are being paid for actual time worked.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia noted that CHE Mechanical has advised that one heating unit at the Strausser Community Center should be replaced soon. Council requested estimates be obtained.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky spoke about a new law, Act 135 which goes into effect July 15, 2015. It requires that anyone who has contact with children have PA State Police background checks, child abuse checks and fingerprints done every three years. Solicitor Minotti will review to see if this includes chaperones for dances and the like. Chief Parkansky said he can handle the checks for crossing guards and the meter department.

FIRE:

Chief Collins said he has received one estimate to replace the rescue truck body. The estimate from VersaLift is for \$10,549.00. The estimate to patch the rusted areas without seeing the underside of the body is approximately \$5,000.00.

Chief Collins noted that the Monroe County Gaming Grant funds still have not been awarded and the committee will not meet again until May.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake asked Council what times should be posted on the 30 minute parking signs outside Delsco Flooring. Council had originally told Mr. Drake to make the signs for 30 minute parking during hours of operation which are 9am to 3pm Monday through Saturday. Mr. McGowan asked Mr. Drake to make the hours 9am to 5pm. Council instructed Mr. Drake to have the signs made as originally planned 9am to 3pm.

Mr. Drake addressed raising the dug-out at Jeffrey Field. He showed photos to Council depicting how the first four rows of seating will be eliminated if this is done. That will include the handicap seating as well. Mr. Drake said his men will keep the water cleared out every day and will also have a shop vac there to be used as necessary. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer added that the President of Baseball said not a lot of people come to the games and those that do, sit up in the back bleachers. Mr. Starniri asked about having the drain redone. Mr. Drake said it would cost approximately \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to have this done. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked about the erosion in the outfield and the dangerous situation it may cause. Mr. Drake said it is not that bad. A child can not fit under it and his men will be working on the area. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked where the portable fence was. Mr. Drake said it didn't work and was damaged by the children. Mr. Drake asked that in the future, when the Recreation Board orders port-a-potties, they should notify the office that they will be coming.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to leave the Jeffrey Field dug-out where it is. It will not be raised. Seconded by Ms. Howey and council concurred.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari asked Mr. Drake about getting the pool ready for the summer season. Mr. Drake explained that Delaware Electric will be sending a tech to see what can be done with the impellers. They will need to be replaced. They will be fixed now and will most likely last another year. Cost to replace is \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

Ms. Howey told Mr. Drake that the Community Center looks wonderful with its newly updated paint and trim. His crew did an outstanding job.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be held on March 24th in Bath.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$102,008.42 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Larimer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Lipari if he had addressed Mr. Marsteller about the unpaid swim team fees brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Lipari replied that he had spoken to Mr. Marsteller about the accusation and that it was untrue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Feinberg explained the recent trouble with the Borough's Verizon phone system. Ms. Garcia could not get Verizon to come out to service as they said the phone system was not theirs. Mr. Feinberg spoke with RCN. They can provide better and more current service for the same price. Upon a motion by Mr. Feinberg, seconded by Ms. Taylor, Council unanimously agreed to change providers from Verizon to RCN.

Ms Lilly-Kemmerer asked that the dumpsters at Jeffrey Field be replaced with new larger ones. She also asked for one at Avona Field. Mr. Drake said Avona has specific cans it uses.

Mr. Parkansky asked Council for approval to re-hire Michelle Waltz as a crossing guard pending a background check. Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri to conditionally hire Ms. Waltz. Council unanimously agreed.

CAUCUS

A caucus was held on personnel matters.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Second by Mr. Larimer and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY