

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
April 13, 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	Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Louis Starniri
James McGowan	Russell Lipari
Matthew Larimer	Pamela Taylor
David Jones	

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Mayor David Perruso, Police Sergeant Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Michael Collins, Director of Public Works Greg Drake and Code Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

A motion was made by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Ashaki Gonzalez of 2426 Freemansburg Avenue to the open seat on the Recreation Board. Seconded by Mr. Jones and Council unanimously concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso informed Council that Senator Boscola would be holding a seminar at the Palmer Library on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that a voting delegate and alternate needed to be appointed for the upcoming PSAB Conference. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to appoint Mr. McGowan as Wilson's voting delegate with Mr. Starniri as the Borough's alternate. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia told Council of a request from Greg Gouldin from National Penn Insurance to switch our SWIF policy over from Brown and Brown. Mr. Gouldin has been working to try to get the Borough off of the SWIF policy and anticipates that should happen next renewal. With this move the Borough's liability and Workers' Comp insurances will be with the same office. They will provide the same service for the same price as the Borough currently pays. Motion by Mr. Starniri to move the Borough's SWIF policy to National Penn. Seconded by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Mr. Scott Palinkas. Mr. Palinkas will be resigning from his position as a zoning board alternate. He thanked Council for the opportunity. Motion to accept Mr. Palinkas' resignation by Mr. Starniri. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Carreen Ravier-Lewert, Secretary of the Wilson Basketball Association which thanked the Borough Officials for allowing them to use Meuser Park for their end of season party. She also offered thanks to the Fire Chief and Police Chief for bringing a fire truck and a police car to the party. It was enjoyed by all participants.

Ms. Garcia passed on a request from David Schomp, Jr. of Bean Inc. He has requested that he be allowed to remove a stone a wall that has fallen down on the property Bean leases from the Borough. He will take down the wall and grade the area. He would like a letter authorizing him to do so. Upon a motion of Mr. Starniri, seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, Council unanimously approved Mr. Schomps' request. Ms. Garcia will send a letter to Mr. Schomp.

Ms. Garcia advised Council that she would be at the PSAB Conference during the next scheduled meeting along with Mr. Starniri, Mr. McGowan and Mayor Perruso. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Howey added they will also be out of town. Ms. Garcia recommended the meeting be cancelled. Motion by Mr. Starniri to cancel the meeting for May 27 and to have Ms. Garcia advertise the cancellation. Second by Ms. Howey. Council concurred.

Mr. Lipari made a motion to allow bills to be paid on their normal schedule and to approve at the meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Second by Mr. Larimer. Council unanimously agreed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### POLICE:

None

##### FIRE:

Chief Collins told Council he is still trying to get quotes to replace the body of the rescue truck. So far he has two: Camp Supply \$20,179 and Versalift \$10,949. Mr. Starniri said since three quotes are needed Chief Collins should get one more online and provide Council with the information.

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake read a letter from Ron Behler with the Public Works Department. He will be resigning and his last day of work will be May 29, 2015. The Public Works Committee will meet to discuss the need to hire a replacement.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari spoke of getting the pool ready for the upcoming season. He made requests as follows to hire staff:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Charles Marsteller as the pool manager. Second by Mr. Larmier. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire KayLynn Weikel as a life guard conditionally based on certifications being completed. Second by Mr. Jones. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Marc Azar, Andrew Blair, Madeline Blair and Michael Whildin as lifeguards. Second by Mr. Jones. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire John Whildin for the ticket window. Second by Mr. Jones. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Jodi Brunstetter for the ticket window. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred. Ms. Brunstetter will have completed Red Cross and CPR certified by next week.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Kaitlyn Cascioli as the Assistant Pool Manager. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> year guard and is highly recommended for the position. Second by Mr. Jones. Council concurred.

Mr. Lipari regretfully advised Council that he has been made aware that there will be no summer swim league this year. There has been a swim team since 1966. The swim team members, parents and coaches were not happy and have joined with the Palmer swim team. Mr. Feinberg added that the kids who want to swim will be able to join the Twin Rivers Swim Club.

Mr. Lipari added that some members have personal items in the shed at the pool. Mr. Drake will meet with Mr. Lipari to allow them to collect their belongings.

Mr. Lipari spoke of false accusations of misapplied funds, harassment and over supervision by the Rec Board. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer explained that when the treasurer resigned an audit was done. There were expenditures which were not approved. Swim Team was not holding meetings as required. There were checks made out to Board members relatives and checks with only one signature. Wilson Police Department recommended the full board be dismissed. Ms. Howey asked when this began and why the Rec Board did not come to the Council. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the audit began in December and the Police were involved in February. Ms Lilly-Kemmerer added that she believed flyers went out and sign ups were going to be held.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$242,989.76 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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None

CAUCUS

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

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JILL A GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY