

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
June 8, 2015

The First Meeting of June 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, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, 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 May 11, 2015 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Stephen Wilson, Vice President of Marketing for Easton Hospital spoke to Council about placing banners on poles around the hospital campus. The hospital has permission from Met-Ed and also the appropriate insurance. He asked Council for their approval to hang eleven to twenty 125th Anniversary banners. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the banners. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council unanimously agreed.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Betti Singh from the AGLOW Easton Community Lighthouse was present to ask for Council's permission to have a small band and a speaker in the park. She will be renting the pavilions on July 6, 2015 and would like an exception to be made for the music. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the group to have a band. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia noted that a proposal from King Spry – Michael Gaul Attorney had been received. Mr. Gaul is interested in replacing Borough Solicitor Louis Minotti. Mr. Minotti has retired.

Ms. Garcia read requests from the Wilson Midget Football Association in regards to using the Borough fields. Council explained that Ms. Garcia may make those decisions without Council approval. She will notify the Association.

A communication from Mr. Richard Michael was read by Ms. Garcia. Mr. Michael is interested in opening and closing the Community Center. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked if there have been any issues with the Fire Department doing it. Fire Chief Collins said no. Mr. Starniri said to keep things as they are.

A letter from Patricia Richards of 1535 Spring Garden Street was read by Ms. Garcia. Ms. Richards expressed her concerns about the intersection of 16th and Spring Garden Streets. She asked for one way signs to be put up. Many motorists go the wrong direction on the one way section of the street. Mr. Drake said he will make the changes during the upcoming week.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso said Representative Cartwright announced another COPS grant.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that Adams Outdoor Advertising had been in contact with her and they would like to know if the Borough would be interested in allowing them to place a billboard along route 22 on the Borough property by Fisk Field. This could be a good source of revenue for the Borough. Council may need to advertise for proposals. Ms. Garcia will have Adams representatives come in to speak with Council after the Borough finds a Solicitor.

Ms. Garcia told Council that Northampton County has recommended that improvements of \$14,000 for Wilson's Jeffrey Field be included in the 2015 CDBG funding. County Council and HUD must both approve.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky asked Council what the plan is for making more room for the Police Department. He will have a new vice detective in two weeks and needs more office space. He suggested the Public Works Department build one office in the garage bay. Mr. Drake estimates the cost will be around \$1500. There will be a door from the hallway into the office. They do not use the garage bays for Police cars. Motion by Mr. Starniri to proceed with the new office. Seconded by Mr. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Parkansky again discussed the need for a car-port outside Police headquarters. He was advised to meet with his committee to discuss the details.

The Chief told Council that the meter department is falling behind with ticket processing since the resignation of Fred Potthoff months ago. He proposed two ideas. 1.) Hire someone for 20 hours a week. 2.) Give Missy Corrado (police secretary) a \$5,000/year raise and make her salaried. She will put in the hours needed to get the job done and the Borough will not have to pay overtime.

Mr. Starniri asked if the Chief had gotten anywhere with building kennels. Chief Parkansky stated he is still collecting information on kennel requirements.

The LVH Health Network/VIA Marathon was discussed by the Chief. Roads will be blocked at Riverview and Glendon. They have all necessary insurance certificates and will not need police presence.

FIRE:

Chief Collins requested permission to hire Adam Emsweller as a part time fireman. Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council concurred.

The Chief reported that the Sands Casino is interested in having the Borough Firemen do fire extinguisher training for them. The Borough will charge for the services. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the training. Seconded by Mr. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Collins advised Council that the Fire Department did not receive the Monroe County Gaming Grant for the new fire truck. He would like to know how to proceed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake advised Council that he had met with his committee and did interviews and would like to recommend they hire Vincent Munjone for the open position with public works. He has his CDL permit and will have 90 days to obtain his license. Motion by Mr. Lipari to conditionally hire Mr. Munjone pending a drug and alcohol test. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer noted that the Borough received no response from the help wanted ad placed in the paper. Mr. Drake added that the borough lost one summer helper after 4 days. He is doing the same job in Williams Township for \$4.00 more per hour. Another local Borough starts full timers at \$22.00 per hour.

Mr. Drake asked Council to re-hire Trevor Jones and hire Dean Crossen for Public Works summer help. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to hire Mr. Jones and Mr. Crossen. Seconded by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Tara Stahlecker, Dan Weekes, Anthony Sagrestano, Edward Fritts Sam Marino, Madison Cade and Ari Heinemann as lifeguards. Second by Ms. Howey. Council unanimously agreed. All have the necessary certifications.

Mr. Lipari thanked Mr. Drake and his staff for working earnestly to fix the leaks at the pool.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the tour of the PPL Center was very interesting and it was a good day. MECAB is on break until September

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$98,342.76 (May 31, 2015) were paid on a Motion by Mr.Lipari. Second by Ms.Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

Bills of \$60,003.10 (June 8, 2015) were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr.Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

Chief Parkansky mentioned that the department has issued about 30 tickets and 5 tow tags in the area of 16 and Spruce Streets. This has helped drastically with the parking issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Starniri made note that Mr. Minotti has retired. Motion by Mr. Starniri for the General Government Committee to work up a Request for Proposals and have Ms. Garcia advertise. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Ms. Garcia to obtain the Home Program's guidelines for payment of contractors.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer addressed having sidewalks along 25th Street between Arby's and LA Fitness.

None

CAUCUS

Council went into a Caucus regarding personnel matters at 7:50 pm and exited at 8:02 pm.

Motion by Mr. Starini not to sell the railroad property between Wood and Bushkill to Mr. Maron Koorie. Seconded by Ms. Howey. Council unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Howey made a Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY