

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
June 22, 2015

The Second 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	David Jones
Pamela Taylor	

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Mayor David Perruso, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Fire Chief Michael Collins, Foreman of Public Works Eric Flowers and Code Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2015 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Kevin Coyle of 2244 Third Street addressed Council to give his resignation from the Recreation Board effective today, stating time constraints. Mr. Starniri made a motion to accept Mr. Coyle's resignation with regrets. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Tony Verenna requested Council's action to have 2335 Front Street cleaned up. The home is infested with squirrels and the yard is overrun with grass and weeds. The Borough Code and Property Maintenance Code both address this issue. Mr. Corriere will have a contractor clean up the yard and a lien will be placed on the home.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Shannon Heckman of the 1800 Block of Fairview Ave. She requested that the block be closed for the 60th Annual 4th of July Block Party. It will be held on Saturday the 4th from 10 am to 10 pm. Motion by Mr. Jones to allow the block closure and party. Seconded by Mr. Larimer and Council concurred.

A letter from Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Library was read to Council by Ms. Garcia. Mr. Redington requested closure of N. 18th Street from Northampton St. to the alley during the annual Book Fair. This will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, September 13th from 9am to 2 pm. Motion by Mr. Starniri to permit the street closure. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from P. Dan Mannix. A member of the Library Board for over 10 years, he regretfully resigned from the Library Board for personal reasons. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept Mr. Mannix's resignation with regrets. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia read an email from Carreen Ravier-Lewert, secretary of the Wilson Recreational Board. "Dear Jill and Respective Council Members, Please be advised that at our June 18, 2015 Recreational Board Meeting, Joan Lilly-Kemmerer verbally said she "was not coming back anymore to our Recreation Board". Thus removing herself from this board and your committee. Therefore I would appreciate if you would make a motion on this to confirm she will no longer be on the Recreation Board, that in fact she has been removed, and to please let me know if someone else will be appointed on this said committee. I will need this information for my files, and Jill if you will please notify me of this. Thank you all for your time. If you have any questions, please contact me 610-360-9408. Respectfully, Carreen Ravier-Lewert, Secretary Wilson Recreational Board." Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer responded. "This text from Carreen Ravier-

Lewert was tactless, rude and offensive. I'm a member of Council and I had every intention, after letting Rec Board know that it was my last meeting on Thursday, to inform Council I was stepping down, as every member of Council, who served on Rec Board over the years, has done." Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer offered her resignation after 21 years on the Board. It was also noted the Mr. Lewert had resigned as well.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer's resignation with regrets. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed with the exception of Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer who abstained from the vote. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to appoint Mr. Lipari to the Rec Board. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Larimer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Ms. Taylor. Negative vote cast by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Mr. Lipari was appointed to the Rec Board by an 8 to 1 vote.

Council asked Ms. Garcia to advertise the open positions on the Recreation Board and the Library Board on the Borough web site.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Kim of the 1900 Block of Fairview Avenue requesting to hold their annual block party on August 15th from 7 am to 10 pm. She requested the street cleaner come through Saturday morning. Also, a request was made for the Fire Department to bring the ladder truck for the kids to ride in the bucket. Mr. Flowers noted the Borough public works employees do not work on Saturdays and the street will be cleaned on Friday. Chief Collins said the ladder truck has been having some mechanical problems. Also, it is not a good idea for kids to play on the fire equipment. They will not be attending with the truck. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the street closure and for the Highway and Fire department to answer the residents' requests at their discretion. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed with the exception of Ms. Taylor who abstained.

Mr. Lipari read a communication from Ms. Careen Ravier-Lewert (Wilson Borough Rec Board) to Mrs. Rosenkranz, the Wilson Swim Team Board Members and Coaching Staff. In the letter she apologized for the handling of the Swim Team, for the removal of the board members and for how the situation was handled. She asked that they all consider coming back for the 2016 season.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested approval of a handicap parking space at 1820 Freemansburg Ave. for Mr. Anthony Creazzo. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow. Seconded by Mr. Larimer and council unanimously agreed.

The Mayor read a letter from part time police officer Mr. Cory McFadden. He has obtained a full time position with another police force and thanked Wilson Borough officials for the opportunity to work for them. His resignation is effective June 19, 2015. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept Officer McFadden's resignation with regrets. Seconded by Mr. Lipari and council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Perruso congratulated Chief Parkansky and Detective Hillis for solving a 2004 rape case.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. McGowan told Council there have been two law firms showing interest in the Borough Solicitor opening. They are King Spry and Attorney Goudsouzian.

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky told Council that the Police Department had participated in an active shooter training with Easton, Forks, Palmer, Tatamy and Bethlehem Township at St. Luke's. He is hoping the Borough will be able to host one next year.

The Chief again asked Council for a decision on what to do with the meter department administrative duties. There are two options. 1.) Hire a new person to work 20 hours a week. 2.) Increase Missy Corrado's (police secretary) pay by \$5,000 per year and make her salaried. She will work whatever hours necessary to get the job done. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer noted it will be less expensive for the Borough to give the job to Ms. Corrado. Motion by Mr. Starniri to give Ms. Corrado a \$5,000 per year raise and make her salaried, giving her the administrative duties of the meter department as well. Seconded by Mr. Larimer. Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Parkansky will be looking to hire meter attendants and will present to Council.

FIRE:

Mr. Starniri advised Council that the Borough is in need of a new fire truck. All grant opportunities have been exhausted. Money for the payments is already in this year's budget. Chief Collins asked if Council wants to advertise and take bids or go through Co-Stars. Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Chief Collins pursue the purchase of the new fire truck through Co-Stars. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Collins requested Council's approval to do a civil service test for firemen. Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Ms. Garcia notify the Civil Service Board to prepare to test for firefighters. Seconded by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

Chief Collins asked Council to hire two part time firefighters. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Derick Gibson and Mr. Eric Miro as part time firefighters. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council concurred.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$171,676.07 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked Mr. Flowers when the sidewalks at Patient First would installed. Mr. Flowers said they will start working on them during the second week of July.

Mr. Lipari said he spoke with Mr. Drake about the desire to place a sidewalk between Arby's and LA Fitness. Mr. Feinberg explained that he has spoken with Mr. Reibman owner of the Dixie. He will take care of the sidewalks with his project. He is waiting to hear from Penn Dot regarding their requirements for that area.

Ms. Howey addressed Mr. Flowers about the defaced equipment at Liberty playground. There are also many weeds in the play area. Mr. Flowers will have the issues addressed tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY