

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 13, 2015

The First Meeting of July 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	Pamela Taylor
Matthew Larimer	David Jones

ABSENT:

Russell Lipari

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer requested information be added to the minutes from June 22, 2015. She requested an email and her response to that email regarding her resignation from the Rec Board be added to the minutes verbatim. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2015 meeting with changes. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Wilson Borough Firefighter Mark Cooke was present to request Council's permission to once again participate in the MDA "Filling the Boot" drive. It will be held on Friday August 14th and 21st between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm at 22nd and Washington Streets. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the "Filling the Boot" drive. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read an email from Judi Monacelli of Williams Township. She was a former member of the Library Board and would like to be a part of the Board again. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Ms. Monacelli to the Mary Meuser Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia asked Council what should be done about hiring someone to open/close the Strausser Community Center. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Richard Michael to open/close the center (if he is still interested) He will be paid \$25 for each day that he works. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Jan Klass and Cherisha Ferrigno of the 2100 block of Hay Street. They requested closure of the block for a block party on Saturday August 8th from 11:00 am until 10:00 pm. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the block party, with the requirement that the block only be closed from the alley to the end of the block. Seconded by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

A letter from Charlie McGarvey, Physical Education Instructor at St. Jane's School was read by Ms. Garcia to Council. He requested Council's permission to use the alleyway between 19th and 20th Streets to do the one mile run, part of Fitnessgram. Orange cones will be at the end of the alleyway, but there will be a volunteer present to move the cones for local traffic. All traffic will be able to pass through. Dates requested are Tuesdays September 1st and 8th (rain date 15th) and Wednesdays September 2nd and 9th (rain date 16th). Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow St. Jane's School to use the alley as requested.

Seconded by Mr. McGowan. Affirmative votes cast by Mr. McGowan, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Howey, Mr. Starniri, Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Jones and Mr. Larimer. Negative vote cast by Mr. Feinberg. Council approved St. Jane's use of the alleyway by a 7 to 1 vote.

Ms. Garcia informed Council they had all received the Solicitor Proposals that came in. She asked when interviews should be scheduled. Council agreed they would be interviewed prior to the next meeting on July 27th. Ms. Garcia will contact the candidates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. McGowan thanked Chief Parkansky for Officers Fritts and Pacchioli making an appearance at the Fairview Avenue Block Party.

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested Council to approve Officer Matthew Shive's promotion to Vice Detective. Motion by Mr. Starniri to promote Officer Shive to Vice Detective. Seconded by Ms. Howey and Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Parkansky asked Council to hire Mr. Kevin Miller as a part time police officer pending a successful background check. Motion by Mr. Starniri to conditionally hire Mr. Miller. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council concurred.

The Chief told Council about the recent Cops & Kids day with Blockwatch. They attended an Iron Pigs game. It was a great success and chance to interact with the kids. He thanked Ms. Howey for all her hard work.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked how the new office is coming along in the Police Department. Chief explained the Public Works crew is doing a great job and the new office will be functional soon.

Mr. Starniri asked Council again to consider a car port for the officers' cars. Chief Parkansky said he is waiting for Greg to return so they can get some figures together.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer thanked the Police for coming to the Council Meeting.

FIRE:

Chief Collins told Council that the Fire Department had obtained new AEDs and he has placed one of the old ones in Council Chambers in case it is ever needed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Ms. Garcia asked for approval of a new lifeguard Mr. Ryan Grelle. Mr. Grelle has all certifications. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Grelle as a life guard. Seconded by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council concurred.

Council requested Ms. Garcia check with the pool staff to see if all employees have background and child abuse checks completed.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus on personnel matters at 7:22 pm and exited at 7:30 pm.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to terminate Fire Fighter Tammy Kuronya's Heart and Lung Benefits. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to terminate Fire Fighter Tammy Kuronya's employment with Wilson Borough with an honorable discharge. Seconded by Mr. McGowan. Council concurred.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Starniri asked Mr. Flowers if a rail could be placed for safety purposes, along the raised platform where Council sits. Mr. Flowers will look into something to remedy this situation.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$170,703.11 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY