

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 28, 2015

The Second Meeting of September 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
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Russell Lipari
James McGowan

Winnie Howey
Matthew Larimer
Pamela Taylor
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

David Jones

Also present were: Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Fire Chief Michael Collins, Director of Public Works Greg Drake, Solicitor Stanley Margle and Code Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Council meeting. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read an email from Atalie Luhrs and Carreen Ravier-Lewert of the Wilson Recreation Board. They requested that the yearly contribution be paid to the Rec Board. They also asked for Council to consider providing additional funding for a summer program with St. Jane's School elementary age children.

A letter from the local Miracle League was read, asking for support from the surrounding municipalities.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Peggy Dapkiewicz of 2211 2nd Street. Ms. Dapkiewicz expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Library Board. Motion by Mr. Lipari to appoint Ms. Dapkiewicz to the Library Board. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Chief Parkansky asked Council to hire two new crossing guards. June Wismer and Gerria Coffee have both applied and have clean background checks. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Ms. Wismer and Ms. Coffee. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. McGowan asked if a guard had been hired for the St. Jane's intersection. Chief Parkansky said possibly one of the new guards.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that budget worksheets had been handed out. The first budget meeting as advertised will be held at 6:00 pm Monday, October 13, 2015 prior to the regular Council meeting.

Ms. Garcia noted that a detailed explanation of the Treasurer's line item and the reason for it appearing to be over budget had been included in Council packets. The line item's budgeted amount was incorrectly listed and was too low. The to-date figures also include money due to the Treasurer from last year.

Ms. Garcia presented Council with the 2016 Pension MMO calculations.

Ms. Garcia reported that the people who were interested in opening and closing the Community Center were no longer available. Chief Parkansky offered to place a help wanted ad on the Police Department's Facebook Page. It will also be placed on the Borough web site.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. McGowan explained that the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority is taking out a 5 million dollar loan for reconstruction. A resolution is also being drafted to extend the municipal agreement for 50 years. This will be presented at the Council's next meeting.

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

Chief Collins advised Council that the Civil Service Test for Fire Fighters is being held on October 10, 2015.

He also requested a caucus for personnel matters.

Ms. Taylor thanked Chief Collins for having his Fire Fighters and a truck at their block party.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Drake spoke about the memorial bricks on Washington Boulevard. He would like to place all the bricks with names together and eliminate the blank ones. Public works will create a walk way to the bricks. The job should be complete for the Veterans' Day Celebration. Motion by Mr. Starniri to redo the Veterans' memorial. Second by Ms. Howey and Council concurred.

Mr. Drake inquired about low hanging trees. The plows and trucks cannot pass under some trees. Mr. Margle said public works can trim the trees without permission from the homeowners.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle said he will have two resolutions for Council to act on at the next scheduled meeting.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan stated the September meeting will be held in Wilson at the Community Center on September 30th at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Ben Etherton. He is an energy consultant with API.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer spoke about an abandoned property at 2444 Hay Street. The property is overgrown with grass and weeds and has roof damage that is affecting the attached twin. Ms. Garcia explained that the office was already aware of the issues and Mr. Wamsley and Mr. Corriere have notified the responsible parties. They will watch the property to see if there are any improvements.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$113,891.22 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

A Caucus was held on personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

**JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER**