

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 12, 2015

The First Meeting of October 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. Vice-President Lilly-Kemmerer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
Russell Lipari
James McGowan

David Jones
Matthew Larimer
Pamela Taylor
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Leonard Feinberg

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 28, 2015 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Boy Scout Noel McClure of Troop 31 presented his Eagle Scout project to Council. He will be placing concrete steps at the LINC'S Center from the parking lot to the front door. He will have experienced masons helping as well. This project is on school district property and has been approved by Mr. Wagner and Mr. Washburn. Motion by Mr. Starniri to waive all permit fees and approve the project. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia told Council she had received many inquiries about the position to open and close the Community Center. There was only one application submitted and it was by Kristen Altimare. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Ms. Altimare to open and close the Community Center for \$25.00 per day. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested a Caucus for Chief Parkansky.

The opening of Easton's new City Hall will be on Saturday October 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Anyone wanting to attend, please let Ms. Garcia know.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia informed Council that CHE has recommended a new cooling unit for the Police Department. Estimate from CHE is for \$12,395.00. Council requested Ms. Garcia obtain two more estimates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. McGowan (Wilson Borough's representative on the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority Board) made a recommendation that Borough Council vote to approve Resolution 1211, A Resolution of the Borough of Wilson Authorizing an Extension of the Term of Existence of The Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority. Affirmative votes cast by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Jones, Ms. Howey, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Larimer. No negative votes were cast. Resolution #1211 was enacted by an eight to zero vote.

POLICE:

Ms. Howey complimented Chief Parkansky on the positive comments his officers received on social media for helping a woman in a motorized wheel chair.

FIRE:

Chief Collins reported that the written portion of the Civil Service Test has been given. There were 3 applicants. Two will be moving on to the physical agility test in two weeks. Chief Collins has received two truck proposals. He will put copies in Council's mailboxes.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Drake asked that he be the only person to communicate with Easton's officials regarding parking at Fisk Field. He will be writing a letter to Mr. David Hopkins requesting the Borough be allowed to use Easton's property to park during games. Mr. Hopkins has stated there should be no problem with this arrangement.

The hood has been completed at the Fisk Field refreshment stand and has been working well.

Mr. Drake's bids for new trucks will be in Council's mailboxes.

Ms. Howey thanked Mr. Drake and his crew for a great job on the memorial bricks by the monuments. Mr. Drake said they tried to make the names visible but they are quite worn away.

Mr. Lipari should have the Pool's end of year report ready for review at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle explained he would need to have two resolutions voted on at tonight's meeting. They are to authorize advertising of amendments to Ordinance #667 and Ordinance #772. They need to be advertised before adoption which will occur at the November 9, 2015 meeting.

COG:

None

MECAB:

The next meeting will be held at Fountain Hill.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Corriere asked for Council's permission to have Public Works remove some hash marks on Edelman Street. No one knows why they were ever put in and eliminating them will add three more parking spaces for the businesses. Motion by Mr. Lipari to remove hash marks per Mr. Corriere on Edelman Street. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned Mr. Corriere on activity that has been occurring on the Victor Balata site. Mr. Corriere explained there would soon be a meeting regarding this and hopefully he will be able to report more afterwards.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution – Authorization to advertise amendment to Ordinance #667 – Shade Tree Commission. Affirmative votes cast by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Jones, Ms. Howey, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Larimer. No negative votes were cast. Resolution was approved by an eight to zero vote.

Resolution – Authorization to advertise amendment to Ordinance #772 – Foreclosed and Abandoned Real Property. Affirmative votes cast by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Jones, Ms. Howey, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Larimer. No negative votes were cast. Resolution was approved by an eight to zero vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$167,871.51 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

A Caucus was held on personnel matters.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to suspend employee #626 for seven days as recommended by Chief Parkansky. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER