

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
December 14, 2015

The First Meeting of December 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
David Jones

Winnie Howey
Matthew Larimer
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

James McGowan
Louis Starniri

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 Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to approve the minutes from the November 23, 2015 Budget meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

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GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Erica Gaviria of 1625 Ferry Street was present to discuss a problem she is having with her neighbors. Her mother is elderly and disabled and does not drive. Ms. Gaviria applied for and received a handicap parking spot because she is her mother's caretaker. Her neighbors are angry about this and have resorted to nasty behavior; name calling, taking pictures, animal feces on her lawn, etc. Chief Parkansky advised Ms. Gaviria that there is no problem with the handicap spot and any behavior like this should be reported to the Police. He will meet with Ms. Gaviria to discuss what has been happening and what can be done.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Musclelicious Foods requesting blue directional signs for their business. Mr. Drake will speak with the owners. Signs cost \$100 each. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to allow the signs to be put up as long as they meet the requirements. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso commented on the Breakfast with Santa held by Wilson Borough Block Watch. He was amazed at the turn out. All participants had a wonderful time.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

Chief Collins told Council that Candidate #3 has passed his psychological and physical evaluations. He asked Council to swear in Adam Emsweller as the Borough's new full time fire fighter at the next meeting on December 28, 2015. His employment will be effective January 4, 2016. Motion by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer to swear in and hire Mr. Emsweller. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Chief Collins said the ladder truck is in Dixon City getting repairs to the rear suspension which will cost \$22,000.00. There are more repairs to be done as well for approximately \$17,000.00. Ms. Garcia said the cost of the repairs is budgeted to come out of capacity in 2016.

Currently there is another fire truck out of service for brake repairs.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones spoke regarding the graffiti on the Eyeland building. He asked Mr. Drake to see about having it removed. Mr. Drake said he will need a release from the owner.

Council addressed some issues with the Safaveah Building at 2410 Northampton Street. There are pallets piled up around the building. It is unattractive and possibly a fire hazard. Also the Building has no identification. Chief Collins will speak to someone at the company.

Mr. Drake said the leaf collection season is over and the street sweeper will now be out cleaning up the streets.

Mr. Drake addressed some issues at the Community Center. Renters insist on using the door marked emergency exit only. He does not know how to get them to stop. Mr. Feinberg suggested possibly putting an alarm on the door. The windows at the center are also in really bad shape. Mr. Drake suggested replacing them or making them non opening. The public works employees will be able to do this work.

There was discussion regarding the dumping site on 16th Street by the Synagogue. Public works recently cleaned up numerous bags of leaves, but again there is more garbage and tires. Mr. Drake asked Ms. Taylor to communicate with the Synagogue and see if they would be willing to purchase two cameras for the area. No Dumping signs were also suggested. Mr. Drake added that Public Works recently cleaned up 40 bags of sheet rock that were dumped in the pool parking lot.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle spoke about the easement between the new offices being constructed at 2400 Northampton Street and Wilson Borough's bike path. He has requested the developer's attorney to draft the easement and to reimburse Wilson's legal fees of approximately \$500.00.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mayor Perruso said the next meeting will be in Freemansburg on the last Wednesday of January.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lipari said he feels that 9 members on the Recreation Board are too many. Borough Code says there should be five to nine members. The Rec Board's charter states 2 from Council, 2 from the School District and 5 at large. This would need to be amended to reduce the number of members.

Discussion was had over trucks coming from West Easton turning left onto Freemansburg Ave. Many can't make the turn and cause traffic issues when they get stuck. Mr. Drake said this is a state highway. To make changes requires engineering and traffic studies. Mr. Margle asked Mr. Drake to contact Penn Dot and request a no left turn sign.

Ms. Garcia asked for a motion to advertise the 2016 Proposed Budget. Motion by Mr. Lipari to advertise the Budget. Second by Mr. Taylor and Council concurred.

Mr. Lipari asked Mr. Drake what will be done with the pot holes on Hay Street caused by the UGI work. Mr. Drake explained the street will be repaired next year. For the time being, the holes have been filled with hot mix.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 1212 was presented to Council adopting the Emergency Operations Plan dated August 12, 2013. Motion by Ms. Taylor to pass resolution 1212. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$74,269.17 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER