

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
April 25, 2016

The Second Meeting of April 2016 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 Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Tony Verenna	Pamela Taylor
James McGowan	Russell Lipari
Scott Palinkas	Daniel Schaffer
Louis Starniri	David Jones
Leonard Feinberg	

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 Council meeting, with changes requested by Mr. Schaffer. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Kate Hug from Dell's Kitchen was present to speak about Dell's plan for a basketball tournament at Meuser Park to be held July 8, 9 and 10. They would like this to be an annual event and are planning to donate funds to help improve the park's courts. They will be renting the large pavilion for all three days. Solicitor Margle said they will need to provide event insurance which also names the Borough and its employees as insureds. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow use of the basketball courts free of charge for the event. Dell's to provide evidence of insurance to the Borough. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Charles Wacik of 1532 Washington Street spoke about his concerns of pot holes, faded signs and junk cars around a car lot at 16th and Washington Street. Mr. Drake said the Public Works Department has been repairing pot holes and replacing old signs. Chief Parkansky will look into the cars around the lot.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Dubs on 5th requesting directional signs to be placed in Wilson. Mr. Drake will let them know signs can be purchased and put up for \$100.00 each. Mayor Perruso noted Dubs is not located in Wilson Borough but contributes a lot to Wilson programs. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve signs for Dubs. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso advised Council that he and Mr. Corriere had met with the CEO of Easton Hospital. The hospital is currently using two parking spaces to house a temporary generator, while a new generator is being installed. A request was made to waive the \$5.00 per day fee to use metered parking spaces. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to waive the daily fee. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. McGowan. No votes cast by Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Schaffer. The tie was broken by Mayor Perruso voting yes. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 4.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia reported that she and Ms. Taylor have put together a tuition reimbursement policy. Ms. Garcia will have the solicitor review and then it will be presented to Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested Council hire Theodore Raub as a crossing guard, pending background checks. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Raub. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council unanimously agreed.

FIRE:

Chief Collins reported that he had received the quote from Rosenbauer to repair the bucket for the ladder truck. The cost is \$47,00.00 which will be covered by American Fire Service's insurance.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake told Council that he got official word from Penn Dot that the Borough does own a portion of Lehigh Drive and has received liquid fuel money for its portion.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari reported that committee members had interviewed two gentlemen for the pool manager position. The committee will meet again on May 2nd at 6:00 pm to select a manager.

Mr. Lipari said the new slide will be in soon and will be put together. Mr. Drake will consult with the Borough Engineer regarding placement details. Mr. Verenna asked if the slide could be located in another spot to allow the potential for a swim team to return. Mr. Drake said no. Mr. Lipari added that there will be a second slide placed next year.

Mr. Drake requested the shed that contains old swim team items be cleaned out so it can be used for other storage.

ATTORNEY:

Attorney Margle asked for clarification on Council's wishes to make changes to the Recreation Board. He said the code could be amended to make it more clear, detailed and to define the scope. Council agreed to the following: Board members should total 5 – 1 West Easton, 2 Appointed, 1 Council Member and 1 School Board Member. Terms should be 2 years and staggered. Secretary and Treasurer Reports must be presented to Council on a timely basis.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on April 27th in Lehigh at 7:00 pm.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

Ms. Taylor reported that she and Ms. Wall of T & M Associates attended a Tree Tenders Training class which is the last step in the process of obtaining the Tree Vitalization Grant. This will enable the Borough to plant up to 100 trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Starniri spoke regarding the need for all Borough personnel to take NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. This can be taken online and Ms. Garcia should be provided with completion certificates.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Solicitor Margle prepare an RFP for a billboard by Fisk Field up against Route 22 as an additional source of revenue for the Borough. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve Resolution #1216 Authorizing and Directing the Director of Public Works to submit and sign an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to PA DOT. This is in regards to the project being done at the old Bimbo Bakery site by Pennoni and is conditioned upon the Borough not having to bear any of the costs. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus at 7:55 pm regarding personnel matters. Caucus exited at 8:35 pm.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to Promote Lieutenant Joseph Sipel to Fire Chief, upon Chief Collins' retirement. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$118,602.11 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER