The Second Meeting of October 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:

James McGowan   Scott Palinkas
Leonard Feinberg   Russell Lipari
Tony Verenna   Louis Starniri
Daniel Schaffer

ABSENT:

David Jones
Pamela Taylor

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Donald Barrett of Wilson Borough Midget Football was present and brought along Ms. Louise Arciszewski of Adams Outdoor Advertising. Mr. Barrett is trying to place a scoreboard at Fisk field and has been speaking with Adams to do so. In return Adams would like the right to place a billboard along Route 22 at Fisk Field at some future date. Solicitor Margle said the Borough cannot enter into a private contract for this. An RFP would need to be advertised to give others a chance to bid. The RFP must be very specific and will include the scoreboard. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Mr. Margle draft a Request for Proposals for the scoreboard and billboard. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso stated Chief Parkansky would need a caucus to discuss a personnel matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

Chief Sipel reported the new Fire Engine has been put on line and will soon be ready for delivery. The old engine has been advertised for sale through sealed bids due November 14, 2016. The current opening for Fire Fighter through Civil Service has been advertised.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The B'nai Synagogue has cleaned up the 16th Street property and surveillance signs are now posted.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle advised Council that the draft amendment to Ordinance #537 as it relates to for profit as opposed to nonprofit entities has been presented to Council and is ready for advertising. Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise the amendment to Ordinance #537. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Hughs of 1822 Ferry Street has deposited his share of the demolition costs into the Margle Law Offices Escrow account. The Borough will receive full reimbursement when the check clears.

Mr. & Mrs Carney of 1820 Ferry Street have filed for bankruptcy. Mr. Margle has filed a proof of claim for their half of the demolition charges.

Mr. Drake asked Solicitor Margle if an ordinance can be drafted to force utility companies to remove old poles when new ones are installed. Mr. Margle will research.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on October 26, 2016 in Freemansburg.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Parkansky said his detectives are working on finding the people who dumped trash at 16th Street but said it's tough to prosecute due to the fact that the burden of proof is on the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of $305,275.56 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Palinkas. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 8:12 pm and exited at 8:18 pm. Personnel matters were discussed.

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to do an internal investigation and discipline to terminate employee #626 if a resignation is not tendered. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council unanimously agreed.

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JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER