

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
November 28, 2016

The Second Meeting of November 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  
Leonard Feinberg  
Tony Verenna  
Daniel Schaffer

Scott Palinkas  
Russell Lipari  
Louis Starniri  
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

David Jones

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Blockwatch's annual Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Community Center on December 11, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia asked Council to revisit the one bid for the 1989 Grumman pumper. Bid was for \$1,500.00 from Mike Veneziano of Bellefonte, PA. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to accept Mr. Veneziano's bid. Second by Ms. Taylor. Yes votes cast Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Schaffer. No votes cast by Mr. McGowan and Mr. Verenna. Motion passed by a 6-2 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

FIRE:

Chief Sipel advised Council that the Civil Service Test for Fire Fighters will be held on December 3, 2016. The physical agility test will be in the morning and the written test will be in the afternoon.

Santa Delivers will be held on December 17, 2016.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Drake told Council about an illegal sewer hookup at 430 Stanley Street. The property owner Mr. McGouldrick illegally hooked up to an abandoned sewer line. He did not obtain permits. Mr. McGouldrick is requesting the Borough correct the problem. Solicitor Margle told Mr. Corriere to send Mr. McGouldrick a letter giving him 30 – 45 days to come into compliance including but not limited to tapping into a functioning existing sewer line. He must provide proof that he has contracted with someone to do the work. Mr. Margle also requested Mr. Drake speak to the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority about this issue.

Mr. Drake explained that Chief Sipel had asked if some public works employees could help out with the physical agility test for fire fighters. He is concerned that one of his men might get injured and will not be able to work. Chief Parkansky offered to help out.

Mr. Starniri asked when the Holiday banners will be hung and pointed out there is a broken bracket by the elementary school. Mr. Drake said the banners will be hung soon. The bucket truck's transmission went out and had to be replaced.

Mr. Starniri also asked about the lights on Washington Boulevard. Mr. Drake said he will take another look at them. It's possible they may need to be changed over to LED.

Mr. Corriere commented that the clock at Pittenger Park does not work. Council will need to decide if they would like to repair the clock.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

None

**ATTORNEY:**

Mr. Margle reported to Council on the issue of broken utility poles that have not been removed by the utility companies. Palmer Township is having the same problem. Mr. Margle will be coordinating with Palmer's solicitor to send a letter to the utility companies to have damaged poles removed within one year. Mr. Drake will need to provide a list of such.

**COG:**

None

**MECAB:**

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on November 30, 2016 in Coplay. Guest speaker will be Joe Hanna from the Lehigh County Sheriff's Office.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Verenna stated he has not received a return call from Mr. Reibman, owner of the Dixie. Mr. Negro, owner of the old bank at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Northampton has called and would like to meet with Borough Officials to discuss some ideas he has for the property. Solicitor Margle will draft a letter to Mr. Reibman.

Mr. Starniri asked Mr. Drake if anything had been done to enforce a no parking zone by the RCN office on Butler Street. Mr. Drake said signs will go up soon and Chief Parkansky will have them enforced.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Mr. Lipari to have Ms. Garcia draft a letter to EAJSA with a request by the Borough to sell sewer capacity. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Bills of \$90,607.79 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Schaffer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:47 pm and exited at 7:57 pm. Personnel matters were discussed.

Council resumed budget discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council unanimously agreed.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER