

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 14, 2008

The First Meeting 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, President	James Klass
Joan Lilly	James McGowan
Bob Reiss	David Schug
Louis Starniri	Tony Verenna
David Williams	

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Attorney Louis S. Minotti, Mayor David S. Perruso, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere, Chief Richard Nace, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 19, 2007 Council Meeting and the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Helen Remaley of 2434 Sycamore Street informed Council that a car had been parked by her house for 2 ½ months without being moved. Ms. Remaley spoke to Officer Potope at a recent BlockWatch meeting about the car and it was moved the next day. Ms. Remaley stated that the Police Clerk called her and yelled at her for making the complaint. She did not think it was the proper thing to do. Chief Nace responded that he did not know why she would have done so. Mr. McGowan questioned whether it was the clerk that had made the call. Chief Nace will look into the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking Sign application form Bruce T. Barnes of 1557 Ferry Street. Initially there was not a space available, but a space had just been removed and another space is now available. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve the request. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman was directed to return the application fee.

2. Mayor Perruso has received a complaint from LaBella Pizza that undesirable bus patrons were sitting on the steps on their property while they were waiting for the bus. It was suggested that a certified letter be sent to LANTA and request the bus stop be moved to across the street by the wall. Mr. Schug suggested that they should contact the Police when the situation occurs again.

3. Mayor Perruso has been getting complaints about Hillside Avenue. There are parked cars in the way of traffic. If parking were eliminated off Hillside Avenue, there would be not place for the residents of S. 25th Street to park. Mr. McGowan suggested that they park in the lot at Victor Balata. Chief Nace suggested that the Borough look into making that section of the street one-way. Mr. Schug would like Council to check into all the options prior to taking action.

Mr. Klass inquired about what Mr. O'Neill was doing about his property. He must have numerous code violations on the property. PennDot is also holding up the development. Mr. Corriere will look into the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Montgomery has set up a pre-application meeting with the DEP for the Borough's Fisk Field project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Wilkes-Barre. Ms. Montgomery extended an invitation to Borough officials to attend the meeting also. Mr. Klass is 95% percent sure he will be attending. Mayor Perruso may also be going.

2. Ms. Lohrman explained to Council that the Risk Manager from Brown & Brown Insurance had

been meeting with the Safety Committee since its inception one year ago. Now that the committee is up and running and the probationary one year has passed, the committee would be charged for the Risk Manager to attend meetings. The committee discussed the matter and has requested Council's permission to have the Risk Manager attend one meeting a quarter at a charge of \$50.00 for each meeting attended. The Risk Manager would continue to assist with training, reinspections and recertification. In order for the Risk Manager to attend the meetings going forward, a Risk Management Services Agreement must be signed. At first glance, Mr. Minotti had some questions revolving around venue and attorney's fees. Motion by Mr. Starniri to review the agreement and bring it back to Council. Second by Ms. Lilly. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by an eight to one vote.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the PSAB Spring Legislative Conference will be held from March 30, 2008 to April 1, 2008 at the Holiday Inn/Hersey in Grantville. Mr. Reiss, Mr. McGowan, Mayor Perruso and Mr. Verenna will be attending. Ms. Lohrman will send in the reservation forms shortly.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the backup system for the office has been installed. Ms. Lohrman has purchased a fire proof box to keep the daily backups in. The most recent backups are being kept off the premises at the Manager's home. Also replaced were the battery backups and surge protectors to the server and one of the office PCs.

5. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that a Council at Large appointment is need to the Police Pension Board. Mr. Verenna volunteered to be appointed to the board and Council concurred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Verenna stated that he had met with Mr. Drake and Mr. Behler.

2. Ms. Lilly inquired about the status of the building across the street. Chief Nace responded that he had spoken to Mr. Drake about building a secured area in the facility for the storage of the Police records. The alarm system should be installed shortly. Then the Borough records could be moved. Cars could be moved in the fenced in area now.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that Lafayette Ambassador Bank would be closing its branch on Northampton Street. The property is adjacent to the park and Mr. Klass thought it would be a nice addition to the Borough if they could purchase it. Mr. Feinberg will contact the bank to discuss the purchase price of the building. Mr. Reiss felt the Borough could move the office and leave the Police and Fire Department on Butler Street.

2. Mr. Klass reminded the Parks and Recreation Committee that there would be a committee meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

SOLICITOR:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that there would be a Block Watch meeting on March 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Wilson Area High School.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$71,526.14 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Verenna.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Klass and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY