

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 9, 2009

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	James Klass
Joan Lilly	James McGowan
Bob Reiss	David Schug
Louis Starniri	Tony Verenna
David Williams	

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Chief Michael Collins, Chief Richard Nace, Superintendent Greg Drake and Code Enforcement Office Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 26, 2009 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Carol Stamets of 2332 Third Street appeared before Council to request a reconsideration of the issuance of a handicapped parking spot for her neighbor's house. Ms. Stamets stated that her neighbor had off-street parking and owned three or four vehicles. Parking in her neighborhood is very limited and they are using the handicapped spot for reserved parking. Mayor Perruso had Chief Nace talk to other neighbors and they are using the off street parking for their other vehicles. Chief Nace added that the van owned by the gentleman is too long for the driveway and unless he parks the van up to the garage door, the van extends out into the sidewalk. Ms. Stamets did not agree. If the handicapped parking was revoked, Ms. Stamets' neighbor may put all his vehicles on the street.

2. An unidentified woman complained about the icy sidewalks. Chief Nace responded that 80 citations were issued. The problem now is that the snow melts during the day and the water freezes on the sidewalks at night.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received bids for two Housing Rehab projects. The bids were as follows:

Project HRH06-20

Williamson Home Improvements	\$18,380.00
Lifetime Services, Inc.	\$26,390.00
J.C. Construction	\$18,400.00
TDM Construction	\$20,700.00

Project HRH06-30

Lifetime Services, Inc.	
Oil Burner	\$3,923.08
Air Conditioning	\$3,421.00
Lessig Fuel	
Oil Burner	\$2,991.00
Gas Furnace	\$3,806.00
Hot Water Heater	\$834.00
Condenser	\$3,459.00
Mike's Heating & Air Conditioning	
Oil Burner	\$3,300.00
Air Conditioning	\$2,800.00
Gas Furnace	\$2,950.00
Air Conditioning	\$2,800.00
Union Fuel	
Gas Furnace	\$4,900.00
ElectriStatic Air Filter	\$98.00
Humidifier	\$520.00

All bids will be forwarded to Mr. Corriere for review by the Housing Rehab committee.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received \$7,913.41 in fines collected by Judge Koury for December, 2008.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the meeting with the DEP to discuss the permit for Fisk Field will be Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
2. At the last Council meeting, the topic of the Right to Know law was discussed. Ms. Lohrman has been appointed the Open Records Officer. The need for a resolution was discussed. Ms. Lohrman has received a sample resolution from PSAB. Matter was deferred until Mr. Minotti is in attendance.
3. Ms. Lohrman requested a short Caucus on a personnel matter.
4. Ms. Lohrman has been contacted by Dave Woglom from the Meyer Center for Local Government at Lafayette College. Mr. Woglom has set up a meeting with a representative from the DCED to discuss a regional comprehensive plan. Williams Township, City of Easton and five members of the COG have been invited to attend. Ms. Lohrman and Mr. Feinberg will provide Council with an update after the meeting is held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. The Fire Department has been inspected by the Department of Health and has received a QRS (Quick Response Service) license.
2. Chief Collins has met with ISO to update the rating for the Fire Department. It has been 21 years since they have been in Wilson. Chief Collins expects the rating to go up with the addition of new equipment, additional training and upgrades to the water supply. The report should be back in 3 months.

POLICE:

1. Chief Nace informed Council that our current Animal Control Agent has been unresponsive to calls. The unresponsiveness has been going on for some time. Chief Nace has interviewed Philip Bell for the position of Animal Control Agent. Mr. Bell handles all kinds of animals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mr. Bell owns his own equipment. Chief Nace has been getting a lot of feedback. Motion by Mr. Reiss to terminate the Borough's relationship with the current Animal Control Officer. Second by Mr. Verenna. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to hire Philip Bell as Animal Control Officer for Wilson Borough. Second by Mr. Starniri. Chief Nace will complete the necessary paperwork for Mr. Bell.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Verenna informed Council that 90% of the work for the men's room has been completed. The partitions should arrive shortly. Mr. Verenna requested that Council take a look at the fine work done by the department.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that he has to step down as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Feinberg appointed Mr. Williams as the new Chairman for the committee.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that Mr. Minotti and several Borough officials had met with Creditech concerning the collection of the Borough's overdue garbage and sewer bills. Since Creditech has been collecting the bills, the delinquency has grown from \$80,000.00 to \$462,000.00. Motion to terminate the relationship with Creditech by Mr. Reiss. Second by Ms. Lilly.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman is expecting the draft ordinance and advertisement for the change in the sewer rate. The ordinance will have to be passed at the February 23, 2009 in order for the rate to be used for the March billing. Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise the ordinance for the February 23, 2009 meeting. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Mr. Starniri requested Ms. Lohrman to contact the Express-Times concerning the deliverance of the MarketPlace paper. It is being delivered again in the street and on sidewalks.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$73,922.40 for were paid on a Motion by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY