

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 11, 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, Chief Michael Collins

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 28, 2008 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Easton Area Corvette Club requesting permission to use Meuser Park on Sunday, August 10, 2008 for their 11th annual Vettes for Pets Car Show. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve request. Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso requested Council to consider adopting a graffiti ordinance. Easton is working on adopting one at the present time. The Borough does not currently have authorization to go on someone's property to cleanup. Council discussed enforcement against the property owner and penalties against the perpetrator. Council also discussed the involvement, if any, of the Borough. Mr. Minotti will contact the Solicitor of Easton to see what they are considering putting in their ordinance.

2. Chief Nace has been looking over the fee schedule for parking violations. The Borough's are considerably lower than the City of Easton. Chief Nace will be getting new tickets printed shortly and was wondering if Borough Council would consider raising the amount of the fines. Mr. McGowan was not in favor of raising the meter fines. Mr. Starniri responded that the Police Department has always been responsive to tickets given out during emergency situations. Chief Nace will get a fine schedule from neighboring municipalities. Ms. Lohrman will supply the Police Committee with copies of the parking violation ordinances.

3. Mayor Perruso questioned whether Mr. Drake has been over to the lot off Hillside Avenue. Mr. Behler did not have any information from Mr. Drake on the matter. Chief Nace and Mr. Schug did not foresee a problem with cars parking on Hillside Avenue. Chief Nace had more of a problem with the fence obstructing visibility. Mayor Perruso responded that the problem is more so in the evening. Ms. Lilly requested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting when Mr. Drake is present.

4. Mayor Perruso inquired on the status of the LANTA bus stop by LaBella's Pizza. Ms. Lohrman responded that she had sent a letter, but still has not received any response. Ms. Lohrman added that the bus route did not go down Butler Street, but turned onto Freemansburg Avenue. It would not be possible to move the bus stop over to the Wash-a-teria. It was suggested to move the stop down to Ridge Street and Freemansburg Avenue or move it to the Courthouse Auto Sales at 17th and Butler Streets. Ms. Lohrman will call LANTA to discuss the matter.

5. Mayor Perruso informed Council that there has been some interest in having business flags put up such as has been done in Palmer Township. It may be something the business group could do. The company doing the flags would check into the pole location, the ownership of the poles and get

permission to put the flag up. The company would also do the ads for the poles. The sponsoring business would pay for everything. Several Council persons did not approve of the idea for various reasons.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. At Council request, Ms. Lohrman contacted Lisa Walter from Senator Wonderling's Office in regards to the 24th Street bridge project. Ms. Walter contacted Teri Zizzi in the Harrisburg office. Ms. Zizzi spoke with Jay McGee from PennDot to get a status report on the bridge project. Mr. Magee responded that a correction letter had been sent to the engineer in October 2007 requesting changes to the design plans that did not meet the standards. His records indicate that PennDot had not received a resubmission. Mr. McGee will be contacting the engineer to go over the deficiencies and find out where they are with changes. Ms. Lohrman had forwarded Ms. Zizzi's email to the engineer today, but has not received a response. Ms. Lohrman did not believe that the engineer had received anything from PennDot. Ms. Lohrman will follow up on the matter.

2. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Ray Anderson from Maier's Bakery about the lighting in the Northampton Street parking lot. Mr. Anderson has met with Bob Walker from the Met-Ed Easton Office. Mr. Walker had drawing of the parking lot showing that the four or five lights in the lot are metered by a single meter and are billed and have been billed to Maier's Bakery. The other street light in question is a metered street light in front of Taco Bell. Ms. Lohrman has contacted Angela Stackhouse from the Met-Ed Reading Office and shared the information with her. Ms. Stackhouse will discuss the matter with Mr. Walker. It appears that the Borough is billed for what they should be paying for and the Borough is not billed for the lighting in the bakery parking lot.

3. Ms. Lohrman sent a letter to Verizon and called the Non-Emergency number about the leaning telephone pole on S. 24th Street. The Non-Emergency contact supplied Ms. Lohrman with a call center number to Verizon. Ms. Lohrman has received a response from the engineering department of Verizon. The pole has been checked and it is stable. Verizon is unable just to move the lines from its present location to the new pole because of underground conduits. Verizon will be engineering the movement of the conduits and get the appropriate permits for the movement. The lines and the conduits will be moved, but it won't be something done in the next few days.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins inquired about the status of the addendum to the Fire Contract that was discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Minotti felt the Borough could agree to the addendum and incorporate it into the new contract next year. Chief Collins would like to make the context of the addendum more specific when the new contract takes effect.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that information received from the Borough Engineer indicated that the full permit would not be needed for Fisk Field.

2. Mr. Klass has at least two people interested in managing the pool this summer. Mr. Klass felt that the Borough should advertise for the position. Several of the interested parties have worked at the pool in the past. Motion to advertise for a Pool Manager and Assistant Pool Manager by Mr. Klass. Second by Ms. Lilly.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti has received a sample agreement of the proposed lease for the purchase of the dump truck for the Public Works Department. The cost of the truck is approximately \$107,000. Mr. Feinberg stated that the Borough had requested a sample agreement for Mr. Minotti to review in case he had questions. Mr. Minotti would like to have a more specific agreement. Some portions of the agreement do not apply to the Borough.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held in Hellertown on February 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The topic for the meeting would be the Public-Private Partnership. Government can not do it alone. The following meeting would be held on March 26, 2008 in Freemansburg. MECAB is looking for a sponsor for the April meeting. The tour would be held in May. MECAB dues are currently due. Motion by Mr. Reiss to pay the dues. Second by Mr. Williams.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg and Chief Collins have completed the draft of the Rental Inspection Ordinance. Rental properties will be inspected on a 3 year rotation schedule. Mr. Feinberg presented the draft for Mr. Minotti to review. As the proposed ordinance was from the City of Easton, the only update Mr. Feinberg foresees is the possible changes in law from a City to a Borough.

2. A Caucus was called on an employment matter.

3. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to approve the Addendum to the Fire Contract concerning training hours. Second by Mr. Verenna. The Addendum will be incorporated into the next contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Reiss inquired about a recent problem that occurred over the weekend at the Community Center. Ms. Lohrman responded that she had received a call from Julie Nixon about the filthy conditions left at the center on Saturday evening. Ms. Nixon had to assist her assistant in cleaning the center so it would be ready for the Sunday rental. Mr. Hank stated that he had gone to the center at 11:00 p.m. to close the center. The center was dirty then and the kitchen was full of food. Mr. Hank was not able to lock the center up until 12:15 a.m. Parties are to be cleaned up and out of the center by 11:00 p.m. Mr. Reiss asked Council to increase the cleanup deposit to \$200.00. Motion to approve the increase by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Verenna. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Williams. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. Motion was defeated by a five to four vote. Ms. Lohrman added that Ms. Guth has written a letter to the party informing them that they would be responsible to any additional fees incurred in cleanup. They have also been added to the list of people that will not be allowed to rent the center again.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$106,090.04 were paid on a Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Williams made a Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY