

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNE 22, 2009

The Second 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 McGowan  
David Schug  
David Williams

Joan Lilly  
James Klass  
Louis Starniri  
Tony Verenna

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss

Also present were: Mayor David Perruso, Attorney Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Richard Nace, Superintendent Greg Drake, Code Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 8, 2009 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Francis Roscioli from 2426 Hay Street would like to know why he was removed from Recreation Board. He didn't think Council handled the matter properly. Ms. Lilly stated that his letter was handed in after the due date. Mr. Roscioli wanted to know if the Borough had a policy on setting appointment dates. Mr. Roscioli questioned whether or not the Borough followed Roberts Rule. He didn't think the seat formerly occupied by Mrs. Voletto had expired. Mrs. Voletto has served 7 years on the Rec Board. Ms. Lilly stated that the Rec Board was not sure when the terms of office where up. Rec Board was trying to straighten it out. Terms on the Recreation Board are for 5 years. Mrs. Voletto was told to hand in a letter if she was interested in being reappointed. She responded that they never had to do this in the past. One was just reappointed when their term expired. After a long discussion, Mr Minotti asked Mr. Roscioli to put in a letter what he is looking for and Council requested Mr. Minotti to look into the matter to make sure it was handled correctly.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Mary Wendland requesting permission to close the 1900 block of Fairview Ave. on September 5, 2009 for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual block party. Rain date will be September 6, 2009. Motion to approve request by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Williams.

2. A letter was received from Tabitha Stocks requesting permission to close the 1800 block of Fairview Ave on July 4, 2009 for the 54<sup>th</sup> annual block party. Motion to approve request by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Schug.

3. A letter received by Benjamin Curley requesting permission to hold a benefit concert at Meuser Park in memory of Zachary Heck. The letter had not requested a specific date. Mr. Heck would have to provide proper insurance, police coverage and discuss possible health issues with Mr. Veresink. Mr. Klass requested Mr. Curley be notified on the items he needed and bring the matter back to Council after the necessary arrangements have been made.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request for handicapped parking. The application is for 918 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street. It has been approved by Chief Nace. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starini. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Mayor Perruso has received a letter from TRACC informing the Borough of their support for the Route 33 and Route 1002 interchange. Mayor Perruso would like Wilson Borough to support the project. Motion by Mr. Klass to send a letter of support. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

3. Mayor Perruso would like Mr. Drake to remove to handicapped signs from 1716 Washington Blvd. and 1803 Fairview Ave. Mr. Smickel and Mr. Hurd have passed away. Motion by Mr. Starniri Second by Mr. Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Chief Collins would like to apply for a grant for a new generator for the Municipal Building. The application inquired if the Borough will be contributing funds to the project. Mr. Feinberg felt that the Borough should contribute 25% of the cost of the generator. The funds could come out of LST money. Motion by Mr. Starini. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. A parking problem exists in Meuser Park. The matter was tabled to the July 13, 2009 Council Meeting. Until a permanent solution is made, Mr. Drake was instructed rope off an area in the lower part of the park for Band Shell parking on Sunday evenings. No other parking is to be in the park except for loading and unloading only. If needed, Chief Nace is to add another officer on to help with the parking situation. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Klass. Mr. McGowan felt that there should be no parking in the park at all. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Williams. Negative votes were cast by: Mr, McGowan and Mr Schug. Motion carried by a six to two vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. McGowan stated the Borough needs to have a plan in place to apply for grants for curb side trees.

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake is working with Dave Hopkins from the City of Easton. They will be repaving 15th Street from Elm to Bushkill Streets. The project will completed by August 15, 2009. Mr. Drake will also by repaving Hay, Sycamore and Miller Streets.

2. The sand should be here on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 for the volleyball pit at Meuser Park.

3. Mr. Feinberg asked Mr. Drake when they would be stating graffiti removal on the properties located in the Borough. Mr. Drake stated he was waiting for the release forms from Mr. Minotti.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti would like to present the amended Police Pension Ordinance at the next Council Meeting on July 13, 2009.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Starniri would like a five year plan from Department Heads every year on what they think would be needed or wanted in their departments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Starniri had a photo of the library grounds. He was concerned about the wall in the sinking garden area. He questioned whether or not the Borough should put up a fence, so no one falls off the wall. Mr. Schug said he would discuss the matter with Mr. Redington.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1164 – Approving the final activities and use of funds for FFY 2009 CDBG Program.  
Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Williams.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$178,844.99 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Schug. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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LISA GUTH, BOROUGH CLERK