

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNE 23, 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
Louis Starniri	Tony Verenna
David Williams	David Schug

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere, Chief Richard Nace, Superintendent Gregory Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms.Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Mayor Perruso presented Mr. Adam Eckert with plaque for winning a State Championship in Track & Field.
2. Cindy Rosenkranz from the Wilson Swim Team appeared before Council regarding the parents not being allowed to be in the pool area when swim team is practices. Mr. Klass stated the Pool Committee and Ms. Lohrman had decided before the season started the parents where not to be in the practice area. Practices are held the same time when cleaning is being done for the day.
3. Mrs. Mammana from Victor Street appeared before Council regarding cars beeping on the street for young people who live there. Chief Nace stated he will check out the complaint.
4. Mr. Guinn appeared before Council to thank them for having the basketball net removed from the alley way behind his home.  
There is also a problem at the home located at 27 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street. High grass and dog waste are in the rear yard. Chief Nace stated he would look into the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Jacky Gargone requesting permission to close 1900 block of Fairview Avenue on August 30, 2008 for a Block Party. Motion to approve request by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.
2. A letter was received from Jackie Kratzer requesting permission to close a section of Stewart Street on July 19, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. for a 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. Motion to approve request by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Williams.
3. A letter was received from Memorial United Church of Christ requesting a waiver of the Land Developer review for the construction of a parking lot .Mr. Corriere stated they didn't need to have the review. Motion to approve request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Verenna.
4. A letter was received from West Easton stating that West Easton Council has enacted Ordinance 845 making Adamson Street Sewer line a common sewer line.
5. A letter was received from Mary Meuser Library requesting permission to close N.18<sup>th</sup> Street from Northampton to the alley on September 5, 2008 thru September 7, 2008 for the annual Book Fair. Motion to approve request by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. McGowan.
6. A letter was received from Tabitha Stocks requesting permission to close the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual block party on July 4, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Motion to approve request by Mr. Schug. Second by Ms. Lilly.
7. A letter was received from Greater Shiloh Church requesting permission to have a Gospelfest at Meuser Park on Saturday September 6, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Motion to approve request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri.
8. A letter was received from Wilson Midget Football Association for the use of Meuser Park for cheering practices. They have also requested the use of Fisk Field for football practices for the 2008 season. Motion to approve request by Mr.Klass. Second by Mr. Verenna.
9. Two bids were opened on Housing Rehab project HR06-13. They were as follows:

S.J. Sawyer & Company	\$9,595.00
Dutt Construction	\$12,365.00

Two bids were opened on Housing Rehab project HR06-11. They were as follows:

Williamson Home Improvements	\$23,375.00
Dutt Construction	\$24,525.00

Ms. Guth will forward the bids onto Mr. Corriere and the Housing Rehab Committee.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request for Handicapped Parking sign from James Cocco of 2268 Freemansburg Ave. Chief Nace has approved the application. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the application. Second by Mr. Williams.
2. Mayor Perruso has received a request for a Handicapped Parking sign from Edna Morris of 1912 Hay Terrace. Chief Nace has approved the application. Motion by Mr. Schug to approve the request. Second by Mr. Williams.
3. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected by Judge Koury were \$8,077.00
4. Mayor Perruso informed Council the he and Mr. Verenna had gone through all the unclaimed bikes and repaired the ones that could be repaired. There are a total of 31 are good, usable bikes and parts. Council has tabled the issue until the next Council meeting .

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Lafayette Bank has given the Borough the best rate for the maturing certificate of deposits .Ms. Lohrman has renewed the CDs with Lafayette Bank.
2. The bocce court preliminary construction cost estimate plus two alternate bids were received by Boucher & James Inc. for Council review. Motion by Mr. Verenna to have bid packets completed for two bocce courts and both alternate bids. No Second was received. Motion by Mr. Klass for the bid packet to be completed for two bocce courts with the first alternate bid only. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg , Mr. Klass, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Verenna. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. McGowan, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Schug and Mr. Williams. With votes being tied four to four, Mayor Perruso cast an Affirmative vote. Motion carried by a five to four vote.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri would like to start negotiations with the Fire Department. Their contract expires in December this year.

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake stated he will remodel the restrooms, but not replace them. Cement floors would have to be removed in order to replace the restrooms. Mr. Drake would have to jack-hammer the floors above the Fire Department.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that the swimming pool was doing well. The State has performed an inspection. The one ladder was a little loose and has been fixed. The chemicals were a little low in one of the pools and was rectified right away. The pools and the property were very clean. The attendance at the pool is above last years. The high weekend attendance was 535 patrons.
2. Mr. Verenna and Ms. Lilly requested the funds budgeted for Recreation Board be paid to them. The money Rec Board had in its accounts has been used for the payment of bills and the contributions to the associations. Motion by Mr. Verenna to release the funds to Rec Board. Second by Mr Klass.

##### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti inquired about the status on the Victor Balata property. Mr. Corriere has not spoken

to Mr. O'Neill. He will call and find out what the status of his project is. Mr. Minotti would like to place the O'Neill project on the agenda for the July meeting.

2. Mr. Minotti requested that the Notice of Intent to Intervene on the Negaro matter be ratified. Motion by to ratify by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Klass.

3. Mr. Minotti stated that the Borough needs to prove it has a clear title on Fisk field property. Motion by Ms. Lilly to have a title search on the property completed. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan stated MECAB is over for the summer. Mr. Klass stated he was very impressed with the Annual Tour. Mayor Perruso would like to thank the school district for the use of the bus for the day.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept the Adamson Street sewer line between Mary's Alley and the intersection of Spring Street and Keystone Street as a common use line. Second by Mr. McGowan.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None

#### ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 740 - Motor Vehicle Parking. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Williams. Ordinance 740 was approved by an eight to zero vote.

2. Ordinance 741 - Establishing a Rental Housing Licensing and Inspection System. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Williams. Ordinance 741 was approved by an eight to zero vote.

3. Ordinance 742 - Motor Vehicle Parking Fees. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Schug, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Williams. A negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Ordinance 742 was approved by a seven to one vote.

4. Ordinance 743 - Parking Meter Violation Fees. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Verenna. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug and Mr. Williams. Ordinance 743 was approved by a five to three vote.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1158 - Approving the Final Activities for 2008 CDBG program. Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills paid on May 27, 2008 in the amount of \$174,461.24 were ratified on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.

Bills paid on June 9, 2008 in the amount of \$102,731.15 were ratified on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Schug.

Bills in the amount of \$126,760.15 were approved for payment on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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LISA M. GUTH, BOROUGH CLERK