

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
AUGUST 10, 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 Perruso, Attorney Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Michael Collins, Superintendent Greg Drake, Code Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 27, 2009 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. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that there will be a Police Pension Board Conference call on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. The toll-free number and the access code for the call were provided in the Council packets.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the PSAB Fall Conference will be held from October 16, 2009 to October 18, 2009 in Erie. Mr. McGowan, Mayor Perruso, Mr. Reiss and Mr. Verenna would like to attend the conference. Ms. Lohrman will send in the reservations in the end of the week.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received an agreement from Northampton County for the use of the Strausser Community Center for a special election on September 29, 2009. The election will be held to fill the vacancy of Senator Robert Wonderling. Motion to approve request by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Klass.

4. A letter was received from Kim and Steve Johnson of 2448 Birch Street requesting permission to purchase a small piece of Borough property that is located along the side of their garage. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been maintaining the property for over 10 years. They would like to purchase the property so they can move their garage door to the side of the garage for safety reasons. Mr. Feinberg responded that the area is now public property. Mr. Drake added that the area is about 50% stone. The main problem with the area is hedges blocking visibility when driving. Mr. McGowan felt that the Borough should leave it the way it is. Mr. Verenna suggested putting down the millings from the Hay Street paving project to make the roadway more drivable. Mr. McGowan suggested condemning the area where the hedges are and taking the area. Mr. Minotti would need the metes and bounds from Mr. Corriere and Mr. Drake. The Borough would have to pay damages. Motion by Mr. Starniri to begin condemnation proceedings on the area where the hedges are. Second by Mr. Verenna. Mr. Drake will provide Mr. Minotti with a copy of the deed.

5. A letter was received from the Wilson Midget Football Association requesting permission to use Meuser Park on Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for cheering practice. Several practices have been cancelled due to the weather. Ms. Lohrman stated that the pavilions in the park have already been rented in August and September. Council agreed to allow the cheerleaders to have practice in the park, but they are not to use the pavilions. There are other areas in the park they can use.

6. A letter was received from the Moore family of 2144 Freemansburg Avenue. They are requesting permission to close off approximately 100 feet of Mary's alley to hold a cookout in their backyard. At least 75 guests will be attending the cookout including several children. For everyone's safety, it would be better to close off the alley. The Moore family live on the last house on the block. Motion to approve request by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Starniri.

7. Two bids were received for HOME program case HRH06-32. They are as follows:

Dutt Construction - \$21,100.00  
Bianco's Contracting - \$31,321.80

Ms. Lohrman will forward the bids to Mr. Corriere so they can be reviewed by the Housing Rehab committee.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that fines collected by Judge Koury were \$6,018.86.

#### COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has reviewed the information on the garbage contract and it expires on December 31, 2009. Waste Management had not bid on any contract extensions on their bid proposal. Ms. Lohrman will forward all the previous bid documents to Mr. Minotti for review.

2. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Davis have been working on having a Borough Wide Yard Sale on August 23, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Meuser Park. The event is open to both residents and businesses of the Borough. Anyone interested in participating must call the office so a spot can be reserved for them.

3. The Economic Revitalization study has been completed. Copies of the document can be reviewed at the Borough Office.

4. Mr. Drake informed Council that only 11 good tables are left at the community center. Many of the tables are bowed, legs broken or the ends of the tables are breaking off. Mayor Perruso replied that he thought that the Lions will purchase new tables and possibly new chairs. The tables should be here in the near future. Five tables have been discarded, but not chairs have been thrown away. Mr. McGowan stated that 20 frames are downstairs.

5. Ms. Montgomery has reviewed the bid results for the bike path. Livengood Excavators is the lowest bidder on the project. All bid information from Livengood Excavators, Inc. has been found to be in order. Motion by Mr. Verenna to award the bid to Livengood Excavators, Inc. in the amount of \$153,626.21. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins is working with Mr. Minotti on the adoption of the Fire Code. Chief Collins provided Mr. Minotti with needed input and they review classifications. Mr. Minotti should have the advertisement to Ms. Lohrman this week for adoption at the next Council meeting. Motion to advertise the ordinance by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly. Chief Collins will be named the Fire Official in the ordinance.

2. Mr. Klass inquired about how the rental inspections were doing. Chief Collins responded that he was proceeding with the inspections, but has spending a lot of time on disruptive conduct complaints.

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Verenna inquired about the graffiti removal. Mr. Drake responded that four people have been scheduled for tomorrow. The Public Works Department has contacted approximately 20 households about removing graffiti from their properties, but they were not home. Mr. Drake will designate a day to contact people and put them on a list to have the work done.

2. Mr. Verenna has received a request from the Lions to put a light on the small pavilion in the park so it shines outwards to Northampton Street. The Police Department also suggested it during the Lions Fair. Motion to approve request by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Starniri.

3. Mr. Drake stated that he had walked 15<sup>th</sup> Street today with representatives from the City of Easton. They will be starting the utility work including raising the manholes shortly. The roadway will begin September 1, 2009. The Borough and the City of Easton are working together on the project. 15<sup>th</sup> Street will be paved from Elm Street to Bushkill Street. The work should be completed by the end of September.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Williams informed Council that this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Meuser pool. In honor of the occasion, there will be a free swim day on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

##### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a litigation matter.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. After a short caucus, Mr. Minotti stated that the land development agreement with the school district that Council had previously authorized should be rescinded until all issues are resolved. Motion to approve the suggestion as stated by Mr. Minotti by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Reiss.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1167 – Authorizing the Execution of Stock Transfer. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Verenna.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$97,205.36 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY