

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
AUGUST 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	Joan Lilly
James McGowan	Bob Reiss
David Schug	Louis Starniri
Tony Verenna	David Williams

ABSENT:

James Klass

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 23, 2008 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. McGowan.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Mr. Feinberg thanked Ms. Winnie Howey and the BlockWatch for a nice National Night Out at Meuser Park on August 5, 2008. Ms. Howey in return thanked the Police and Fire Departments and Mr. Drake for their cooperation in making the event a success.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request from the Police Department to send Officer Gregg Voorhees to attend a Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency class. Motion to authorize Officer Voorhees to attend the class by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Starniri. There is no cost for the 40 hour class. Officer Voorhees will be replaced by a part-time Police officer.

2. Mayor Perruso has received three requests for Handicapped Parking signs. Joseph Ciabrone, Jr. of 805 Miller Street has an invalid mother-in-law living with him. William C. Smickle of 1716 Washington Blvd. has no where else to park. Chief Nace requested a hold be placed on the application of Joe Hurd of 1803 Fairview Avenue. There is a handicapped parking spot in the block for a woman who passed away. If verified by the resident, Chief Nace will have Mr. Drake remove the sign. Motion by Mr. Schug to approve the applications by Mr. Ciabrone and Mr. Smickle. Mr. Hurd's request will be approved after Chief Nace has verified the removal of the other spot on the block. Second by Mr. Starniri.

3. The total fines collected by Judge Koury in June 2008 was \$4,692.33.

4. Mayor Perruso thanked the BlockWatch for a successful National Night Out. Mayor Perruso has received good reports concerning the event.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Borough Council has received a second letter from Wilson Area School District regarding the new soccer field. The original invoice dated September 1, 2006 was for all the work done on the field except for the fencing. Ms. Lohrman checked the scope of work and the fence was included. However, it was not installed at the time because the school district was anticipating the possibility of receiving fall for the back perimeter of the field. Mr. Verenna responded that things were done at the field without people being informed about what was going on. Motion by Mr. Verenna not to pay the school district the requested money. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed information on the TreeVitalize Grant Program. The initial application deadline is today. The maximum grant is \$25,000.00 and is a matching grant. As the Borough is not prepared to apply now, it may consider applying in the next round. Mr. McGowan added that it would be necessary to have a minimum of one municipal official and two volunteers attend a training seminar on

Saturday, September 20, 2008. Mr. Reiss questioned the types of trees that residents were putting in the tree line. They are causing damage to the sidewalks. Mr. McGowan responded that the Borough had received a list of trees that could be planted that would not cause damage. Ms. Lohrman is expecting additional information from Ms. Davis on the program.

3. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Ms. Montgomery about the Fisk Field project. The revised ENS plans were completed except for one issue. The County Conservation District had a question about the design involving the pipe that puts water runoff on the field. They deferred to the DEP. It took several weeks to receive an answer. The County is now requesting calculations be done on the water runoff and the rock baskets that will be installed in the drainage culvert. Ms. Montgomery stated that she has never been asked to do these calculations before on any of her projects or on any project involving the baskets. The calculations will be done by someone in the office as Ms. Montgomery will be on vacation this week. She hopes to have the plans ready for resubmission shortly.

4. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the bocce court schedule. The advertisement was put in the Express last week and will run again on Thursday. There will be a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. Ms. Montgomery expects to have a recommendation for the bid to be awarded at the September 8, 2008 Council meeting. The project should be completed within 45 days.

5. Ms. Lohrman has been contacted by the five firms she had contacted about actuarial services. She has received two letters of interest. Ms. Lohrman will supply Council with additional services in the next few weeks.

6. Ms. Lohrman has given free prescription discount cards from Northampton County. The county is sponsoring the program through the National Association of Counties. The program is to assist those residents who either have no prescription insurance plans or are under insured. Most of the local pharmacies are participating in the program. Ms. Lohrman has placed the information in the lobby.

7. Mr. Feinberg has requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

#### FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that they had begun preparing a proposal for the new contract with the Fire Department. Mr. Starniri would like to meet after tonight's meeting with Mr. Minotti and the committee to discuss possible dates to meet with representatives of the union.

#### POLICE:

1. Chief Nace requested Council to reconsider the Handicapped Parking application for 2334 Third Street. The application was denied because the resident had off street parking. After further investigation, the resident's handicapped van will not fit into the driveway. Motion to approve the request for handicapped parking by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Williams.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Verenna requested that the residents be told that they could not put out their garbage prior to 24 hours before garbage pickup. Chief Nace will let the officers know.

2. Mr. Verenna requested that something be done about the conditions of the Borough's sidewalks. Mr. Corriere responded that he could leave hangers on people's doors where the sidewalks are bad and have them call him. Mr. Starniri stated that the Borough had tried to do something before, but backed off when the senior citizens complained that they could not afford to fix them. Chief Nace thought that if the Borough had a list of people, the Borough could get a better price. Mr. Corriere felt that some properties had been addressed through the home inspection program.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Drake has removed the sand from the volleyball court. The sand wasps have gone. Mr. Drake will be putting stone in the court shortly.

#### ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti has met with Mr. Corriere on the O'Neill matter. Mr. O'Neill is not in a position to do anything at the present time. Mr. Corriere will speak to Mr. Civitella and either the plan will be withdrawn at the next meeting or the Borough will deny it. Mr. Corriere will also look into any buildings that should be razed on the property.

2. Mr. Minotti reviewed the indemnification clause that he recommends be put into the community center agreement.

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

4. Mr. Starniri inquired if Mr. Minotti had reviewed the internet policy. Mr. Minotti responded that

it was something that he would recommend and put into use. Mr. Starniri will bring it up and the next meeting.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. McGowan asked if the indemnification clause had any teeth to it. Mr. Minotti stated that it would not exonerate the Borough if it was negligent. In any case, the Borough could be drawn into it. Motion by Mr. Starniri to include the clause in the rental agreement. Second by Mr. Reiss. The request for insurance by groups will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg has place a sign in the lobby and placed on the website a statement about the cost effectiveness of keeping properties well lit.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$113,712.72 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Reiss made a Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY