

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 13, 2007

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
Ronald Nixon	Louis Starniri
David Williams	

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss, David Schug

Also present were: Attorney Louis Minotti, Chief Richard Nace, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 23, 2007 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Helen Remaley informed Council that 24th and Balata Streets has become a race track for pocket bikes. Chief Nace will be requested to check into the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Attorney Stanley J. Margle, III requesting Borough Council to consider offering an additional 9,250 gallons of excess sewer capacity to Bethlehem Township.
2. A letter was received from Denise Bergstresser, Wilson Borough Recreation Board Secretary, requesting Council to appoint someone to an open seat on the board.
3. A letter was received from David L. Jones, 2046 Freemansburg Avenue, requesting appointment to the open Recreation Board seat.
4. A letter was received from William H. Bergstresser, Jr., 2408 Birch Street, requesting appointment to the open Recreation Board seat.
5. A letter was received from Jennifer Marie Lavoie, 823 Louis Street, requested permission to close Louis Street on Saturday, September 1, 2007 for a Block Party.
6. An invitation was received from Mark Hartney, BBRP Coordinator, to participate in a ½ day planning session for the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation's "Main Street Lehigh Valley 2015" campaign led by Tom Micelotta on Friday, August 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hotel Bethlehem.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed a proposal that Mr. Starniri received from General Code Publishers that would put our codification of ordinances in an electronic version on CD-ROM and/or an Internet-based version of the codes. Ms. Lohrman further explained that one of items that would be converted to another form would be the Zoning Ordinance. Putting the ordinance on the internet would make it more available to the public and free time up for the staff. The special offer is for \$1,495.00 for both the PC/Codebook and the E-Code Option.
2. In response to Mr. Klass' inquiry on Fisk Field at the last Council meeting, Ms. Lohrman informed Council the survey has been completed and the base plan prepared with the new survey data combined with the old data. Ms. Montgomery had a meeting on July 25, 2007 to get the project scheduled for design. Permits for the project cannot be issued until the design plans are complete.
In regards to the bike path, the HOPs have been received from PennDot. The packet will be forwarded to the DCNR for their final approval. The final disbursement can then be made.
3. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Police Pension Board that the next conference call for the Police

Board would be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Lohrman will forward the 2nd Quarter Performance review to the Board as soon as she receives it.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received a letter from the PADEP concerning our Recycling Performance Grant. Various requirements are mandated to recycle by Act 101 or other applicants that receive in excess of \$10,000.00. Wilson Borough appears to have failed to meet the requirement that require commercial establishments to participate in a recycling service. The Borough's recycling ordinance does not require commercial, institutional and municipal establishments to participate in the municipality's recycling program. The Borough also does not have, participate in or support a program that addresses illegal dumping and/or littering. Our leaf waste program must mandate that the Borough collect not only leaves but garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar materials.

Mr. McGowan stated that the county had taken the initiative on recycling yard waste, but the county has not moved on the project in years.

Ms. Lohrman was requested to contact PSAB and see if they have an ordinance that fulfills the DEP requirements and forward it and our current ordinance to Mr. Minotti.

Mr. Feinberg inquired on whether or not the business on Freemansburg Avenue accepted yard waste. No one present knew for sure if the business did or did not. The Borough could add a fee to the garbage and sewer bill for the collection of yard waste.

5. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the fax machine lease expired in May. Advanced Business Equipment has given us a lease proposal for three years at a cost of \$32.95 per month. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Lohrman have spoken to our representative at Edwards Business Machines about adding a fax option to our copier. Unfortunately, our copier lease does not end until next summer. Edwards is willing to supply the Borough with a one year fax lease at \$39.00 per month. This would include the maintenance agreement whereas the Advanced Business lease does not. Ms. Lohrman is inquiring whether Advance Business will give us a one year lease and whether Edwards will give us a new lease on a new copier now.

6. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to our Head Crossing Guard. One of our guards is ill and will not return and another guard may be retiring. The Borough has received an application from Jacqueline Susanna Vandergrift of 423 Third Street, West Easton. Chief Nace has favorably completed a background check. Ms. Lohrman requested Council to consider the hire of Ms. Vandergrift as a Crossing Guard. Motion by Ms. Lilly to hire Ms. Vandergrift in the position of Crossing Guard. Second by Mr. Nixon.

7. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.

8. Ms. Lohrman reviewed that information concerning the 537 Task Activity Report received from Jeff Morgan. Council is requested to consider participating in the flow monitoring/I&I study in the spring of 2008 even if the DEP does not fund the project. The project total without for Wilson Borough without DEP funding would be \$51,775.00. Initially, if the DEP grant had been received, the Borough would have had to contribute \$26,000.00 for the study. Motion to participate in the study by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Nixon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Nace informed Council that the speed device has been out on the main highways. He will be putting it on other streets shortly. It was suggested that the Chief put the device in the 22nd and Northampton Streets. Chief Nace did have the device at the location last week and will rotate it back in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Behler requested Council to keep on one of the summer help through the fall of this year. Motion to approve request by Mr. Nixon. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that the Pool Manager is complying with Council's desire to keep the pool open to closing time. The inappropriate signage that had been reported has been taken care of by Ms. Lohrman. Any complaints about the pool should be given to Ms. Lohrman so action can be taken in a timely manner.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti has received the paperwork for the sale of 9,250 gallons/day of excess sewer capacity to Forks Township at \$8.00 per gallon. The agreement has been signed by Forks. The Borough officials need to sign the agreement and return it to Mr. Minotti. Forks Township will then forward that check when the agreement is signed.

2. Mr. Minotti has been working on the agreement to sell 150,000 gallons/day of excess sewer capacity to Forks Township. The Borough has agreed to sell in concept. Forks would like to purchase the capacity over a four year period. Mr. Minotti has spoken to people in the banking industry and found that the current rate offered is between 4.65% and 5.15% for tax free entities. The agreement that needs to be drafted must include an interest rate. Motion by Mr. Williams to charge Forks Township a 5.0% interest rate to be included in the agreement. Second by Mr. Starniri. The Borough will receive \$300,000.00 this year upon execution of the agreement.

3. Mr. Minotti has received a letter concerning potential litigation regarding a sewer shut off matter. The information was forwarded to our insurance carrier and Mr. Minotti is studying their response. Mr. Minotti may respond to the matter.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Ms. Lilly to appoint Dave Jones to the open seat on the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Nixon.

2. Mr. Starniri pointed out to Council that if the codification of ordinances were placed on disk and e-coded it would be easy to use by allowing search functions. Motion to approve the proposal by General Code Publishers for both options by Mr. Nixon. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a six to one vote.

3. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the request to purchase 9,250 gallons/day of excess sewer capacity must follow the proper procedure which would require it to go through Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority.

4. Motion by Ms. Lilly to approve the Louis Street Block Party request. Second by Mr. Nixon.

5. The fax matter is tabled until further information is received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lilly inquired whether it would be possible to place "Children at Play" signs on Wood Avenue at Fisk Field. Mr. Behler replied that Wood Avenue was a state highway and the Borough would need PennDot's approval to put up the signs. Motion by Ms. Lilly to authorize Ms. Lohrman to contact PennDot for approval to put up the signs. Mr. Klass will supply Ms. Lohrman with digital pictures to include with the request.

2. Mr. Feinberg reminded Council that BlockWatch will be meeting at 7:00 tomorrow at the Community Center.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$83,522.18 paid and bills paid on a Motion by Mr. Nixon. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY