

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 9, 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
Joan Lilly
Louis Starniri
David Williams

James Klass
James McGowan
Tony Verenna (Left Early)

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss, David Schug

Also present were: Mayor David Perruso, Attorney Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Richard Nace, Chief Michael Collins, Superintendent Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 26, 2009 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Williams.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to appoint Steven Parkansky to the position of Chief of Police effective 12:00 a.m. on November 12, 2009. Chief Richard Nace will serve as an advisor to Mr. Parkansky until his retirement becomes effective on December 31, 2009. Second by Mr. Verenna. Mayor Perruso swore in Steven Parkansky as the new Police Chief.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the Veteran's Day parade would be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested permission to close the Borough Office on Friday, November 27, 2009 for Black Friday. Office staff will use their Floating Holidays as time off. Motion to approve request by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri.

2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the budget meeting schedule as discussed during the Budget Meeting. Meetings would be held on November 23, 2009, November 30, 2009, December 2, 2009, December 7, 2009, December 9, 2009 and December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. until the budget is completed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested a Caucus to discuss an Emergency Management matter.
2. Chief Collins has reviewed the updates that Mr. Minotti has prepared for the Civil Service Regulations. Chief Collins would like to have it include that applicants live within 5 miles in the Commonwealth of PA. Chief Collins had an issue with the wording several years ago when a New Jersey resident was on the list. After a short discussion, Mr. Klass requested that Mr. Minotti change the wording before the updates are reviewed by the Civil Service Board.

POLICE:

1. Chief Nace has received a complaint that the workers building the middle school are parking on Firmstone Street, Balata Street and Stewart Street. The vehicles being parked are trucks and flat bed trucks. A lot was furnished for their convenience, but the workers insist on parking on the street. Chief Nace questioned the neighbors to see if they would have a problem with the streets being posted "No Parking" from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The residents were fine with the suggestion. Mr. Drake suggested having the school district order the signs. Chief Nace responded that the school district offered to pay for the signs. Mr. Drake will get a price for the signs. Mr. Feinberg will discuss the matter with Mr. Wagner. Mr. McGowan added that if the streets were posted "No Parking", there could be a problem with delivery trucks.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake informed Council that paving has been completed on Hay Street, Miller Street and 15th Street.
2. The department is currently working on leaf collection.
3. As it is the end of paving season, Mr. Drake will add and roll stone on the old water tower parking area. The paving will be completed next year.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a few matters.
2. Mr. Minotti has received an agreement from Williams Township for the purchase of the excess sewer capacity. The Borough had previously agreed to sell the capacity some time ago. The total purchase price is \$192,000.00. Mr. Minotti has reviewed the agreement and has no problem with it. Nothing will be recorded until the cash is received. Mr. McGowan responded that the sale of capacity must go through the sewer authority before it could be sold. The sale would be offered to all the municipalities who had excess capacity. The Borough should have a letter from the sewer authority approving the sale. Mr. Feinberg responded that it had gone through the authority. Mr. McGowan also stated that the area where the capacity was being sold also had to be approved. Mr. Feinberg responded that it had. Mr. Minotti requested authorization for the appropriate officers to sign the agreement. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there would not be another MECAB meeting until January 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1169 – Authorizing the Execution of the PennDot Winter Agreement. Mr. McGowan questioned the length of time of the agreement and the payment decrease. Mr. Drake responded that the roads in West Easton had been removed from the agreement. The agreement has been for five years. Motion to approve the execution of the agreement with PennDot by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$40,215.41 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Williams made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY