

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NOVEMBER 24, 2008

The Second 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  
David Schug  
Tony Verenna

James Klass  
James McGowan  
Louis Starniri  
David Williams

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 5, 2008 and the November 13, 2008 Budget Meetings and the November 10, 2008 Council Meeting were approved by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Daniel Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Memorial Library, appeared before Council to see if Council had any objection to the library placing a shed on the west side of the annex. Additional storage space is needed for excess tables for the Book Fair and older books. The shed will run between \$2,600.00 and \$2,800.00. Mr. Redington did receive several quotes for the shed. Council had no further questions on the shed and give permission to install the shed.

Mr. Redington has begun to work on the 2009 summer concert schedule. Mr. Redington would like to begin the concerts one week earlier so the Wilson Area High School band can perform. School would already be out if the band performed on the usual first concert date. Concert permitted the request.

Ms. Lilly inquired how much of the funds raised by the Friends of the Library went to the library. Mr. Redington responded that the organization only kept enough of the funds it needed for start up money for the refreshment stand.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Barry Willever of 932 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street wrote a letter to Council to inform them about a problem with people driving the wrong way of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street extension. Mr. Willever has spoken to a Council member and the Police on a number of occasions, but nothing has been done about the problem. Mr. Willever suggested moving the One Way sign back several feet and one way arrow signs in the hope that people will see it better if they are going North or South. Mr. McGowan responded that he had spoken to Mr. Willever several years ago. Council requested that Mr. Drake check the situation out. The angle of the signs may be wrong.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected by Judge Koury in October was \$4,934.33.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received an email from Jeff Morgan, Engineer for Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority, concerning the Spring 2009 flow metering scheduled in March 2009. The second round of the I&I study includes five meters for Wilson Borough at a cost of \$1,300 per month. Mr. McGowan added that the cost did not include the engineering fee. The meter needs to be redone for a maximum of a two month period and is necessary because of the lack of rainfall during this years metering study. Motion to approve the five meters for the Spring flow metering by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received an invoice for \$19,808.55 for the 2008 metering study. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the invoice was less than anticipated. Motion to approve payment of the invoice by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Schug.

3. Ms. Lohrman reviewed money market rates from Merchants of Bangor, Lafayette Ambassador

Bank and KNBT. Merchants of Bangor also has a CD special on a 16 month CD for 3.90%. Motion by Ms. Lilly to move the Merchants of Bangor account to KNBT. Mr. McGowan responded that if Merchants of Bangor would allow withdraw of funds without penalty, he would prefer to deposit the funds into the CD special. Motion by Mr. McGowan to move the funds to the CD special if the no penalty condition is met. Second by Mr. Klass. Ms. Lilly withdrew her Motion.

4. Ms. Lohrman presented the 2009 balanced budget. Ms. Lilly inquired how much a new street sweeper would cost. Mr. Drake responded it would cost approximately \$150,000.00. Mr. Klass added that he had been told that it was difficult to get parts for it. Ms. Lohrman had called Martin in Nazareth to get a rate if they swept the streets, but they did not get back to her. Mr. Schug felt the Borough may be able to rent a sweeper. Mr. Feinberg asked Mr. Drake to get figures.

5. Ms. Lohrman presented Council with a draft of the salary resolution. Mr. McGowan felt that paying \$10.00 per hour or more for grass cutting was too much. Ms. Lilly stated that at the budget hearing, Council had decided that only part time Police and Fire would get raises. No other seasonal or part time help would receive raises. Mr. Verenna responded that the Borough would have a problem getting part time help for Public Works at \$8.05 an hour. There is money in the budget to pay more. Ms. Lohrman will make the appropriate changes to the budget and the salary resolution for passage at the next meeting. The budget has been advertised for passage at the December 8, 2008 and available for review.

6. Ms. Lohrman inquired if Borough Council would still like to meet on December 22, 2008. Council agreed that they were available to meet on that night.

7. Ms. Lohrman has received an email fro Jay Schreibman concerning the Borough's bike path project. The DCNR will reimburse the Borough for costs incurred for the grant until the grant had expired on April 30, 2007 if the Borough constructed the bike path. Ms. Montgomery will have to resend a final set of sealed drawings, specifications and related documents to in connections to the trail in Palmer Township. Ms. Montgomery is aware that she needs to resubmit these items. Ms. Lohrman has already submitted a list of costs incurred during the grant period. The Borough will also have to create a signed document stating the maximum amount of funds to be expended for the project.

8. Ms. Lohrman has received an email from Lori Sywensky regarding the grant for the Planning Study. Since the grant is for services and not a capital project performed on premises, the section Mr. Minotti had concerns about is not relevant to the project. Mr. Minotti would prefer the contract is re-draft prior to the Borough executing it.

9. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Ms. Montgomery has a call from the Northampton County Conservation District. They have requested to very minor changes to the Fisk Field plan. Ms. Montgomery is to resubmit the plan without a fee and the County will issue the permit and notify the DEP that they have approved the plan. The approval letter should be out next week. Mr. Klass would like to see if the DEP permit could be expedited.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

#### FIRE:

None

#### POLICE:

None

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake has prepared a list of items that need to be repaired at the community center. Mr. Verenna would like to meet next week to discuss the repairs.

2. Mr. Drake felt that the seasonal help hired for his department should be paid more because they help blacktop. He lost one of his former summer help employees this year because Williams Township paid more money. Mr. Drake felt that they could be paid a dollar more an hour if after two weeks their performance warranted the raise. Council denied the request.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass inquired about the bocce courts. Ms. Lohrman responded that the construction should be completed next week. The stands would take another week before they are installed. Mr. Klass felt that the courts were built past the stomp. He did not think it would be that far. Mr. Drake responded that he thinks that it was moved to line up with the fence pole.

2. Ms. Lilly informed Council that Wilson Baseball Association had opened the refreshment stand during the bonfire. They made about \$340.00. Several cases of unopened beverages were given to the Police and Fire Departments.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti informed Council that the appeal of Steven J., Inc. on the Negrao matter was denied.
2. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a litigation matter.
3. Mr. Minotti checked into the Tyco/Simplex Grinnell matter. He believes that it is an isolated case and he does not agree with all the information presented. Mr. Minotti recommends dropping the matter.
4. Mr. Minotti has been working on amending the recycling ordinance. Mr. Minotti believes the Borough ordinance does comply. Mr. McGowan questioned whether it was worth changing the ordinance as the grant money has decreased every year. Ms. Lilly responded that a local municipality hired a recycling consultant and now they were getting more grant money. Mr. Minotti will talk to someone at the DEP.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that MECAB will not meet again until January 2009.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg stated that Council had discussed changing the sewerage rate to be per unit of water not the block unit rate that the Borough is currently using. Motion by Ms. Lilly to change the sewerage charges to be per unit. Second by Mr. Klass. The new rate will have to be set.
2. Council had also discussed raising the community center rate from \$200 to \$300. There would be no discounts offered except for non-profit youth activities. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Feinberg.
3. Mr. Feinberg had attended a sewer authority meeting last week in West Easton. Mr. Feinberg was not aware that there was a moratorium on West Easton's sewer module. Wilson has not had any projects in the area that affects West Easton's sewer conveyance.
4. At one of the budget meetings, Council had discussed the usage of gasoline and diesel fuel used by Suburban EMS. Suburban is paying the highest rate the Borough has paid for gasoline and diesel in the month, but does not contribute to the upkeep of the pumps. Motion to drop Suburban EMS from gasoline and diesel usage beginning January 1, 2009. Second by Mr. Feinberg.
5. Borough Council reviewed the list of Police cars provided by Chief Nace. Council questioned whether it was necessary to have all the cars. Chief Nace responded that sometimes the department is down to two cars. The 1991 Impala is not on the list. It is not being used. Car 242 is out of service. It has been a problem since it was purchased. Chief Nace has contacted Ford Motors about the 21 pages of repairs that have been done on the vehicle. Mr. Klass believes that the Borough should purchase a new vehicle, but would like to get rid of the old ones. The public parking is being taken up by police vehicles. There was no where to park on Election Day because of all the police cars in the lot. Chief Nace will move the blue Impala to the fenced in area across the street.
6. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to send a letter to Northampton County to move the polling place from the Municipal Building to the Community Center. The center has move parking and it is larger. Second by Mr. Starniri.
7. Borough Council reviewed the list of vehicles used by the Public Works Department. Several Council members questioned what the trucks were used for. All the trucks are used for various tasks, but the 1973 International dump truck. It has a blown engine. Mr. Starniri will meet with Mr. Drake at the garage to review each truck and what each one is used for. All trucks are used for snow plowing, but others are used for blacktopping and leaf pickup. Mr. Drake believes that if he is not putting a lot of money into the vehicle, he would like to keep it. All the smaller trucks are used on a daily basis. Ms. Lohrman was requested to put a bid out for the 1973 International and the 1991 Impala.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$171,371.54 were paid on a Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY