

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
DECEMBER 19, 2007

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, President	James Klass
Joan Lilly	James McGowan
David Schug	Louis Starniri
David Williams	

ABSENT:

Ronald Nixon, Bob Reiss

Also present were: Attorney Dennis DeEsch., Mayor David S. Perruso, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Lisa Guth from the Wilson Borough Civic Association presented awards for the Christmas decorating contest. Judging was held on December 12, 2007. There were so many nice homes that several honorable mention awards were also presented. The 1<sup>st</sup> place awards presented were:

Best Overall – 2402 Lennox Street – Warren Kitchen  
Best Single 1933 Washington Blvd. – John Pelcheck & Kelly Imboden  
Best Half Double – 1909 Ferry Street – Donna Williams  
Best Coordinating Half Double – 1945 & 1947 Fairview Ave. – Robert Messer  
Best Nativity – 1517 Spring Garden – Linda Fassl  
Best Business – 2011 Washington Blvd. – Cheri Reiser  
Best Display of Lights – 2329 Hay Street – Elizabeth Goodspeed

Honorable Mentions

2400 Butler Street – Charles Young  
821 Balata Street – Steven Acierino  
2233 Front Street – Jason Trimmer  
2310 Forest Street – Christopher Black  
2307 Forest Street – Cheryl Slingland  
2010 & 2012 Lehigh Street – Joseph Templeton  
2404 Butler Street – Peggy Yetter

Mr. Feinberg thanked Ms. Guth and the Wilson Civic Association for doing such a nice job in judging the contest.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Three bids were received for Housing Rehab Project No. HR06-5. The bids are as follows:  
S.J. Sawyer - \$13,800.00  
Bianco;s Contracting - \$15,187.50  
Dutt Construction, LLC - \$15,475.00

Mr. Feinberg requested that the bids be given to Mr. Corriere for review by the Housing Rehab Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso thanked the participants of the Christmas decorating contest for coming to the meeting to accept their awards.
2. The fines collected by Judge Koury were \$7,841.09.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the CD rates the CD maturing at Lafayette Ambassador Bank for \$891,592.86 on December 30, 2007. The rates were:

Merchants Bank of Bangor:

7 Months – APY 4.80%

12 Months – APY 4.70%

Lafayette Ambassador Bank:

1 Month – APY 4.15%

2-7 Months – APY 4.20%

8 Months – APY 4.50%

9-12 Months – APY 4.15

Keystone Nazareth National Bank

12 Months – APY 4.90%

All the financial institutions are willing to waive the penalty if the Borough needs the funds.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough had the 2006 Reorganization Meeting as 6:00 p.m. and inquired what time Council would like to have the Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2008 so she could get the meeting advertised.

3. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the letter Mr. Minotti had discussed at the last Council meeting from the Accreditation Consultants. No decision was made on whether Council wished to honor their request for the \$6,000.00 payment as stipulated in the contract. Ms. Lohrman would also like direction as to who should receive the Wilson Borough Police General Orders Manual as instructions were requested in the same letter as to who the manual should be given to.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received a proposal from Hi-Tech Security Alarms for the water company building across the street. The amount of the proposal is \$965.00. Ms. Lohrman requested Council's decision on the matter.

5. Ms. Lohrman has received the 2008 contract from The Center for Animal Health & Welfare formerly the Northampton County SPCA. There is an increase of \$10.00 for each animal from last year. The 2008 rate would be \$50.00 per animal. Ms. Lohrman inquired whether or not Council wished to renew the contract.

6. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Amy Riddle Montgomery was in the Borough today for several projects. Ms. Montgomery met with Mr. Klass, Mayor Perruso and Mr. Behler at Meuser Park to review the plans for the bocce courts.

Ms. Montgomery also met with a lighting consultant to look at Fisk Field for lighting. Musco Lighting only works on lighting for athletic fields. The lighting systems are programmable with computer and telephone overrides. The installation cost includes 25 year maintenance which includes bulb replacement. Musco can monitor the system via satellite. The system is top of the line, but very expensive.

Ms. Montgomery had a meeting in the afternoon with Northampton County Conservation District about acquiring a permit for the Fisk Field project. Ms. Montgomery did not think she would have a problem satisfying them. The District has 30 days to review the application and currently it is taking 4 weeks for a response. In most cases, the application will have to be revised and sent back to the District. After the Borough obtains the permit from the Conservation District, Ms. Montgomery will have to obtain a permit from the DEP in Scranton. The Conservation District felt that the DEP may have a problem with the plan as the field will be built within 50 feet of the bank of the stream and possible wetlands. It has been taken anywhere between 2 months and 5 years to obtain the permit from the DEP. Ms. Montgomery will be requesting a pre-application meeting shortly.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass updated Council on the meeting he attended with Mayor Perruso, Mr. Behler and Borough Engineer Amy Riddle Montgomery concerning the bocce courts. Mr. Klass informed Council that they must search themselves with whether or not they wish to put in a parking area and road to the bocce courts. There are pros and cons to both positions. There is enough land to put in the lost without it being intrusive to the park. There is a concern with kids being in the park with people driving through it.

2. The cost of the lighting at Fisk Field was discussed. Ms. Lilly requested to have someone else take a look at the project. However, the project will have to go out for bid and the scope of work could be adjusted to reflect the funds available to pay for the project. Mr. Feinberg reminded Council that they had time to think about what to do about the lighting.

SOLICITOR:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan and Mayor Perruso informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on February 2008.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg requested the bids for the Housing Rehab project be forwarded to the Housing Rehab committee and Mr. Corriere.

2. Motion by Ms. Lilly to reinvest the CD maturing on December 30, 2007 with Keystone Nazareth National Bank. Second by Mr. Starniri.

3. Council agreed to hold the Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

4. Motion by Mr. Klass to pay \$6,000.00 to the Accreditation Consultants. Second by Mr. Starniri. The Wilson Borough Police General Orders Manual will be sent to Mr. Starniri. As Chairman of the Police Committee, Mr. Starniri will share the information with the Police Committee, Mayor Perruso, and Chief Nace. Ms. Lohrman will request all future correspondence be sent to Mr. Starniri.

5. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve the estimate by Hi-Tech Security for the water company building. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman will direct the Public Works Department to move the storage boxes out of the building as soon as it is ready to be used.

6. Motion to approve the 2008 contract with The Center for Animal Health & Welfare (formerly the Northampton County SPCA). Second by Mr. Klass.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 739 – Local Services Tax. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Williams. Ordinance 739 was approved by a seven to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1156 – Designating Fast Lane Towing & Transport as an Approved Storage Garage. Motion to approve Resolution by Mr. Schug. Second by Mr. Starniri.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$131,084.25 were paid on a Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY