

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JANUARY 8, 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	Bob Reiss
David Schug	Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 18, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan.
Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter and resume were received from Bess C. Embardino of 2005 Washington Blvd. expressing her interest in the Council position vacated by Ms. Daneen McGinley.
2. A letter of interest in the vacant Council seat was also received by David J. Williams of 2013 Ferry Street.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso thanked Mr. Klass for obtaining the autographed football signed by the State Championship Wilson Football Team. He also thanked Mr. Drake for the beautiful pedestal the Public Works department made for the football's display.
2. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected by Judge Koury were \$5,394.43.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Palmer Township had received \$6,000.00 for the Borough to purchase the preemptive devices for S. 25th Street as part of the agreement with the developers of the Palmer Town Center. Chief Collins has obtained an updated quote of \$6,078.00 for the purchase of the devices. Ms. Lohrman requested Council's permission to purchase the devices with the difference of \$78.00 coming from the EMST fund. Palmer Township will reimburse the Borough \$6,000.00 upon receipt of a paid invoice. Motion to proceed with the purchase of the preemptive devices by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Nixon.
2. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Dave Hopkins from the Public Works Department in the City of Easton. The City had attempted to obtain funds to reimburse the Borough for the manpower and use of equipment during last years flooding. However, FEMA would not reimburse the expenses as there was not a written mutual aid agreement for Public Works between the two municipalities. Mr. Hopkins has forwarded a mutual aid agreement drawn up by the City's solicitor to be put in effect for the future with the Borough authorization. The agreement is purely voluntary and does not commit the Borough to supply aid.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Nixon had not report other than the Caucus requested by Mr. Drake.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass inquired whether anything had changed in the Legion baseball matter since the last meeting. Ms. Lilly responded that it had not.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti will forward an ordinance on Firmstone Street to Ms. Lohrman. Mr. Minotti requested that Mr. Drake review the meets and bounds portion of the ordinance.
2. Mr. Feinberg inquired if there had been any response to the Weis Markets condemnation matter. Mr. Minotti responded in the negative.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that a meeting may be held in Fountain Hill in January to discuss the spring tour. Mr. McGowan will let Council know once the meeting is confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg requested that the General Government committee review the two applications received for the open Council position. Mr. Feinberg reminded Council that they had 30 days to fill the position. Upon a recommendation from the General Government committee, Council could appoint someone at the next Council meeting and still make the appointment in the allotted time.
2. Mr. Feinberg requested that Mr. Minotti review the draft of the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Easton.
3. Mr. Reiss inquired as to why he had seen a police car over at Chrin's when Borough Council had made it clear that Chrin's would not do work on the Borough's vehicles since they were involved in a lawsuit against the Borough. Council reiterated that no work would be taken to Chrin's. Mr. Drake was requested to notify Mr. Bare.
4. Mr. Reiss stated that if West Easton was not interested in obtaining a portion of the bike path from Palmer Township that Wilson Borough should acquire it. Mr. Feinberg responded that West Easton had been interested in a portion of the tract. Ms. Lohrman stated that she had contacted Palmer Township and informed them that we were interested in obtaining the former railroad land including the portion that West Easton had been interested in. Mr. Boran had been quoted a price of \$6,000.00 years ago. Mr. McGowan questioned if Palmer Township could sell the land as they had paid next to nothing for it.
5. After a short Caucus, Mr. Starniri stated that he did not feel it necessary to delay the appointment of the vacant Council seat. Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint David Williams fill the Council seat vacated by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Reiss. Mr. Klass question whether the vote could be done verbally or had to be by a secret ballot. After checking with the Borough Code, Mr. Minotti ruled that the vote could be done by a roll call. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. A negative votes was cast by Ms. Lilly. Motion to appoint Mr. Williams to Council was approved by a seven to one vote. Ms. Lohrman was directed to prepare a resolution to be ratified at the next Council meeting.
6. Mr. Klass made a Motion to follow the Salary Resolution adopted by Council in late December 2006 in all matters. Second by Mr. McGowan. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes were cast by: Ms. Lilly, Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Reiss. Motion carried by a five to three vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 734 – Amending Ordinance No. 711 of the Borough of Wilson which adopted the Uniform Construction Code. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. Ordinance 734 was adopted by an eight to zero vote.

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RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$108,217.80 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Nixon. Second by Ms. Lilly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY