

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
FEBRUARY 26, 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
Ronald Nixon	David Schug
Louis Starniri	David Williams

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Officer Bud Shull, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere,

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 12, 2007 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 was received from the Easton Area Corvette Club, Inc. requesting the use of Meuser Park on Sunday, August 12, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Vettes for Pets Car Show.
2. At the request of Mr. Minotti, Joseph V. Civitella from McTish, Kunkel & Associates, provided a letter authorizing a time extension on the Phase 2 Land Development Plan for the lands for Larry W. O'Neill until September 30, 2007. Ms. Lohrman has forwarded a copy of the letter to Borough Engineer Amy Montgomery.
3. Borough Council has received an invitation to attend the Wilson Borough Business Revitalization Program's educational workshop to launch the Design Challenge Grant Program for façade improvements on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Strausser Community Center.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso encouraged Council members to attend the façade improvements workshop on Thursday evening, March 1, 2007.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman contacted Joe Rauscher of PennDot concerning the Center Street matter. Mr. Rauscher informed Ms. Lohrman that PennDot does not require a traffic count to be conducted in order to make Center Street one way. However, Mr. Rauscher stated that the Borough should have that information on file as justification for passing the ordinance. The information does not have to be submitted to PennDot. Ms. Lohrman spoke to Mr. Zettlemoyer, West Easton Borough Manager. Mr. Zettlemoyer requested that Ms. Lohrman send a letter to West Easton Council containing the information. Ms. Lohrman received a response back from Don Frederickson, West Easton Borough Engineer, that PennDot does not require the traffic counts. Ms. Lohrman requested Council to decide what they would like to do next.
2. Ms. Lohrman has contacted the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance concerning the payment of minimum wage at the swimming pool. The Borough is required to pay minimum wage to the employees at the pool. Funds have been put in the budget for the increase.
3. Ms. Lohrman has the mylars for the DiBiagio minor subdivision at the meeting for signing after Mr. Minotti's discussion on the matter.
4. Ms. Lohrman has received two copies of a new shut off agreement with Easton Suburban Water Authority. Mr. McGowan has read the document and it contains wording that would allow the authority to collect money from the Borough for lost revenue. Mr. McGowan added that the sewer authority had

been told the same for lost revenue on commercial accounts. Mr. Minotti will have to review the agreement prior to taking action on the agreement.

5. At Council's request, Ms. Lohrman has contacted John Earl from the DCNR to see if the Borough could pave the bike path on its own. Mr. Earl responded that the grant funds were made available to the Borough so they could have the specs, plans, and bid documents drawn up. The Borough cannot do the work themselves.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. McGowan has been attempting to contact Creditech about their services on delinquent sewer accounts. Mr. Feinberg has received information from a second company who performs the service. The collection agencies can collect the bill and the fee from the delinquent account holder. Neither company would use the water shut off agreement. Mr. Feinberg requested that both companies come to a Council meeting and explain how they collect the delinquent bills.

#### FIRE:

None

#### POLICE:

None

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

None

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

#### SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti has received a cooperation agreement from Stevens and Lee, consultants for the County Redevelopment Authority. The signers of the agreement would be the Borough, the school district, Northampton County, the Northampton County Industrial Development Authority, and Ashley Development. Mr. Minotti will be reviewing the document and contacting the other solicitors involved. Mr. Minotti will provide Ms. Lohrman a copy of the agreement for Council to review for the next meeting. Any questions on the agreement should be directed to Mr. Minotti. The TIF ordinance had been enacted last year. Ms. Lilly questioned if mention of the recreation fees were in the document. Mr. Feinberg responded that provisions for the recreation fees would be in the development agreement. The agreed upon amount was \$500 per unit.

2. Mr. Minotti and Council have received copies of the DiBiagio subdivision and Ms. Montgomery's review letter. All the requirements have been met including an aerial plan. Mr. DiBiagio has paid all of the fees for plan review. Mr. Minotti requested Council to execute the mylars after Council approves the plan.

3. Mr. Minotti will review the shut off agreement for the next meeting.

#### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan has not received any information concerning this week's MECAB meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve Easton Area Corvette Club's request to use Meuser Park for Vettes for Pets event. Second by Mr. Klass.

2. Motion by Mr. Starniri to request West Easton to perform a traffic study on Center Street. Second by Ms. Lilly.

3. Motion by Mr. Starniri to execute the DiBiagio subdivision documents. Second by Mr. Klass.

4. Mr. Klass inquired about O'Neill extension letter. Mr. Minotti responded that the Borough has to act within a certain period of time or Mr. O'Neill has a deemed approval. If the Borough had not received an extension, Mr. Minotti would have advised Borough Council to decline the plan. Additional time is needed as PennDot has requested more information on traffic patterns in the area of the development.

Mr. Minotti advised Council to have PennDot include the Borough on the highway plans. Mr. Feinberg responded that the Borough had met with them and they were including us in discussions.

5. Motion by Ms. Lilly to authorize Mr. Minotti to revise the Public Works addendum concerning the increase in the salary of the Public Works employees. Second by Mr. Klass. Ms. Lohrman will supply Mr. Minotti with a copy of the original addendum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. McGowan introduced Ben Markus who was attending the Council Meeting as a requirement for a Citizenship Badge for Boy Scouts.

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 737 – Amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Schug, Mr. Starniri, and Mr. Williams. No Negative votes were cast. Ordinance 737 passed by an eight to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$94,476.30 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Nixon. Second by Mr. Staniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY