

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MARCH 13, 2006

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. President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg, President	James Klass
Joan A. Lilly	Daneen McGinley
James McGowan	Ronald Nixon
Bob Reiss	David Schug
Louis Starniri (Late)	

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Dennis DeEsch., Chief Richard Nace, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Second Public CDBG Hearing on February 27, 2006 and the February 27, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Schug.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Craig Kent, President of the Wilson Baseball Association, appeared before Council to discuss several items concerning baseball. The topics included: the inspection of the refreshment stands, the use of port-a-potties, scheduling Fisk and Jeffery fields, and work needed to prepare the fields for the season. Mr. Kent was informed the Mr. Behler would be meeting with Mr. Veresink tomorrow to inspect the refreshment stands. Mr. Klass instructed Mr. Kent to prepare a list of items that needed to be done before the season starts. Mr. Behler requested the starting dates for baseball. Mr. Kent will work with Ms. Lilly to have the port-a-potties installed. Mr. Behler will have the water turned on at the fields when the temperatures no longer fall below freezing.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Tony Tarsi, Principal of Wilson Elementary School, requesting the use of Meuser Park including the courts for a field day on May 16, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The rain date will be May 17, 2006.
2. A letter was received from the Board of Directors of the Palmer Volunteer Fire Company #2 requesting the rental of the pavilion at Meuser Park on August 6, 2006. James Dolan will contact the Borough within the next 10 days with details.
3. A letter was received from the Wilson Borough Baseball Association requesting the use of Jeffery Field from March 16, 2006 to October 1, 2006.
4. A letter was received from Wilson Borough Baseball Association requesting the use of Fisk Field on Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to dark and on Mondays through Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to dark.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that Chief Nace was getting the specs prepared for the alarm system to be bid out.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel matter.
2. Ms. Lohrman contacted Paul Pugelli concerning our recent problem involving the damage to a pole light on Washington Blvd. He informed Ms. Lohrman that municipalities generally don't insure items such as light poles, street lights, fire hydrants and parking meters. Generally the cost of the premium exceeds the potential benefit of having the items insured. Mr. Pugelli felt it would have cost of the Borough at least \$500.00 a year to cover the light poles on the Blvd. The clock in Pittinger Park has not been added to the policy. Ms. Lohrman requested the information on the clock so she could get a quote for the premium.

3. Ms. Lohrman and Chief Collins attended a Hazard Mitigation seminar. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Northampton and Lehigh counties in conjunction with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will be preparing a draft of a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan will be available sometime in April or May 2006 for review. The counties and the municipalities will be requested to adopt the Plan sometime in May or June 2006. The plan will then be forwarded on to PEMA and FEMA for review.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Mark Hartney had been hired as our new Borough Business Manager. He had met with Mr. McGowan, Mr. Feinberg and Mayor Perruso last week. The next Borough Business meeting would be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at noon in the Caucus Room. Council members were invited to attend.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

#### FIRE:

None

#### POLICE:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that Chief Nace has attempted to contact the owner of the vehicle that had damaged the light pole on Washington Boulevard, but to no avail.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

None

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mayor Perruso indicated that the water company had dirt available to use at Fisk field. Several trees need to be cleared off and silt screens need to be installed before the dirt could be dumped on site. Mayor Perruso and Mr. Behler were directed to stack out an area for the dirt to be placed. Mr. Nixon will make an arrangement with Forks to bring dirt down from there.

#### SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. DeEsch requested a Caucus on three matters of litigation.

#### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan reminded Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 in Northampton at the Community Center. The speaker will be Sara Pandl.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Ms. McGinley to allow the Wilson Elementary School to use Meuser Park for a field day on May 16, 2006 with a rain date of May 17, 2006. Second by Mr. Klass. Ms. Lohrman will have the courts posted in advance.

2. The Palmer Fire Company was deferred until additional information is received.

3. The insurance matter was tabled.

4. The use of Fisk field and Jeffrey field was approved. If fall baseball becomes a reality, the field usage will have to be worked out with the soccer association.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Ms. McGinley to authorize Ms. Lohrman and Mr. Schug to attend the settlement conference to take whatever action they deem appropriate after consultation with the Borough Insurance Carrier Representative and to authorize settlement up to amount of deductible in the case of Johnson v. Siegfried. Second by Mr. Nixon.

2. Motion by Ms. McGinley to authorize Ms. Lohrman to execute any documents as may be directed by the Borough's Workmen's Compensation carrier and/or the Borough Solicitor relative to the claim of James Siegfried, Jr. Second by Mr. Nixon.

3. Motion by Ms. McGinley to authorize Ms. Lohrman to execute any documents as may be directed

by the Borough Solicitor relative to the Unemployment Compensation claim of Tammy Snyder. Second by Ms. Lilly.

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 729 – Electing to Change the Benefits it Has in PMRS (Fire Plan). Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Reiss, and Mr. Schug. No negative votes were received.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$55,816.31 were paid on a Motion by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Nixon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McGinley 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