

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 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, Chief Michael Collins

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 12, 2007 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Klass.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Steven J. Hunsberger, BTMA Director, wishing to explore the possibility of purchasing 9,250 GPD of wastewater treatment capacity.
2. A letter was received from Daniel J. Shoemaker, P.E., Engineer for the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority, advising us that the Authority voted to approve a flow metering study on the Adamson Street line. The study is projected to cost \$8,550.00.
3. A letter was received from Michael Williams from the Philip F. Lauer Middle School requesting the use of Meuser Park on Friday, April 27, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an educational assembly involving WWII re-enactors.
4. A letter was received from the Palmer Volunteer Fire Company #2 requesting the rental of the pavilion at Meuser Park on August 11, 2007.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso announced that Mr. Feinberg would be filing in as the Acting Mayor while he will be on vacation next month.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has obtained a copy of the Agreement for Collection Services between Hellertown Borough and Creditech and the corresponding resolutions associated with the services. Ms. Lohrman noted that Hellertown is very pleased with the service it has received from Creditech.
2. Ms. Lohrman has provided Council with copies of the proposed invoices from Aqua Serve for the pool manager position and water management services. Also included with the information was a contract. Mr. Klass and Ms. Lilly will be having a pool committee meeting shortly to review the information.
3. Ms. Lohrman has received a letter from the DCNR which notifies Wilson Borough that our application for the development of Fisk Field was declined. The application will be re-evaluated with the applications received for the April 13, 2007 application deadline. Ms. Lohrman has contacted Ms. Pandl with the information. Ms. Pandl has contacted the DCNR to see if there was anything the Borough could do to make the application more attractive. Ms. Pandl will be speaking with the DCNR again this week.
On the same note, Ms. Lohrman has not received word from the county on the status of the Open Space grant for Fisk Field. Ms. Lohrman will contact Ms. Pandl to see if and when there will be a decision. No work can be done on Fisk Field until the decision on both grants is finalized. The Borough has approximately \$120,000.00 in CDBG funds committed to the project.

4. Ms. Lohrman has been contacted by Representative Bob Freeman concerning the grant for the bocce courts. Representative Freeman had received a call from Ms. Lilly about obtaining funds for the replacement of the dugout roofs and a PA system for the baseball field. At Rep. Freeman's request, Ms. Lohrman has received an estimate for the PA system of \$1,835.00 and an estimate for shingles for the dugouts of \$500.00. Rep. Freeman is willing to provide the additional funds plus \$665.00 that the Borough could use for a new computer in the office. As Ms. Lohrman has just received the funds for the wall at the pool, she does not expect the money to be available until near the end of the year or the beginning of next year.

5. Ms. Lohrman has received a Certificate from Labor and Industry for the Safety Committee. Ms. Lohrman has forwarded a copy of the certificate to our insurance agent so the Borough could receive a 5% discount on its upcoming Worker's Compensation policy.

6. Ms. Lohrman has received information on the upcoming PSAB conference for the end of June. Anyone interested in attending should contact Ms. Lohrman in the next week or two. Mayor Perruso and Mr. Starniri will be attending the conference.

7. Ms. Lohrman has received information that Easton Suburban Water Authority has established a Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program. Wilson Borough has been requested to approve and adopt the program by means of an ordinance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the committee had been requested to look at the possibility of raising the rates at the community center. The committee is recommending raising the rental fee to \$175.00. The committee would like to leave the kitchen open because of the availability of two additional fire exits, the availability of the refrigerator, and use of the water at the kitchen sink. The employee rate would be \$100.00. Mr. Feinberg added that additional information has been received from the Borough's insurance company. Additional insurance may be need from residents, commercial entities and anyone holding a dance. The Borough needs to look at all the costs associated in running the center. Mr. Feinberg requested the matter be tabled until all the information is available.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins has received a request from a resident who needs to do 50 hours of community service for a traffic violation. Mr. Starniri responded that the individual would require supervision while performing the work. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Nixon.

POLICE:

1. Officer Shull has received a request from Chief Nace to hire two or three additional part-time police officers. Mayor Perruso stated that the Borough had quite a few applications on file. Council requested that Chief Nace review the applications.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that there would be a Pool Committee meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in Ms. Lohrman's office.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti has prepared the Consultant Agreement for the Police Accreditation. The gentlemen named in the agreement are detectives for Forks Township and they are willing to perform the service. Mr. Minotti did not have a draft to use for the agreement. The charge for the service is \$60,000.00 over a two year period. Mr. Minotti suggested sending the agreement to the detectives for their review. The financial arrangements have not been approved. Motion by Mr. Starniri to send the agreement to the detectives for their review and input. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Mr. Minotti has reviewed the Creditech collection brochure. Mr. Minotti would like to request documentation of proposed ordinances and authority to pass fees and costs to the delinquent account, provide in the agreement payment in thirty (30) days, and whether or not the Borough wishes to deduct commissions or whether to invoice the Borough for commissions. Ms. Lohrman stated that Berkheimer Associates who collect the Earned Income Tax for the Borough invoices that Borough for the commissions. Mr. Minotti was authorized to contact Creditech for additional information he requires.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting in on Wednesday, March 28,

2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Catasauqua. The plans for the May 2007 tour of Lehigh County will be discussed. Chris Cap and Jeff Heishman from PSAB will be attending. Mayor Perruso hopes Council members will attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the Borough would have to figure out the rate if it wished to sell sewer capacity. The old rate used was for the BLL capacity. Mr. McGowan estimates that it would cost the seller about \$10,000.00 to establish the rate. The representative from Forks Township has indicated that Forks was willing to purchase the remainder of sewer capacity available. Mr. McGowan estimates that the Borough still owns 1,500,000 gpd of capacity and using about 60% of it or 60,000 to 70,000 gpd. The sewer authority will allow each municipality to sell up to 80% of its capacity. Mr. Klass suggested that the Borough determine how much sewer capacity it wishes to keep.

2. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow Michael Williams to use Meuser Park for the WWII re-enactment. Second by Ms. Lilly. Mayor Perruso will have an officer check out the performance.

3. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow Palmer Volunteer Fire Company to use Meuser Park under the condition that the park will be cleaned up after its use. Second by Mr. Williams. Ms. Lohrman will notify Palmer Volunteer Fire Company in writing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lilly has been informed by the Baseball Association that July 1, 2007 was the only day they could rent the park and the pool for their annual picnic. The kids are still there when the people are driving in the park for the concert. Mr. McGowan inquired as to where the "Loading / Unloading" signs went after the tennis courts were dedicated to Mr. Villiano. Mr. Behler will put the signs back up. The police department will attempt to keep the drivers out of the park until 6:00 p.m. so the baseball association can finish its picnic. Ms. Lohrman added that the baseball association did not pay for the park last year and did not clean up after their picnic. Ms. Lilly will contact the baseball association and inform them that they need to pay for the park for both years.

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 738 – Amending the Property Maintenance Code. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Williams, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. Mr. McGowan cast the lone Negative vote. Ordinance 738 passed by a seven to one vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$97,386.18 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Nixon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY