

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH 27, 2006

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

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg, President
Joan A. Lilly
James McGowan
David Schug

James Klass
Daneen McGinley (Late)
Bob Reiss
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Ronald Nixon

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Chief Richard Nace, Chief Michael Collins, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 13, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Schug.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Dan Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Memorial Library, has prepared proofs of the summer concert schedule at Meuser Park. Mr. Redington requested that Council contact him with any additions to the schedule. Mayor Perruso suggested contacting Congressman Dent to see if it is possible to have a military band give a performance at the park sometime this summer during the week.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Metz Company providing the Borough with a quote on new heating equipment for the municipal building. Metz recommends using a gas-fired condensing boiler with a hot water reset control system utilizing primary/secondary pumping. Metz also recommends that the four B & G circulators be replaced with direct-coupled water-cooled units. The price quoted for the heating equipment is \$59,900.00. Ms. Lohrman was requested by Mr. Feinberg to see if the quote includes the circulators.

2. Chief Nace has received a request from Marathon Glove and Safety LLC for a 15 minute limited parking sign in front of 2146 Butler Street. Chief Nace informed Council that there is room for a vehicle to park between the handicapped sign and the yellow fire zone.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request for a Handicapped Parking Sign from Helena Kuller on 2203 Fairview Avenue. Chief Nace recommends the application be denied as there are already three handicapped spots in the block. The Borough may wish to reconsider if one or more of the signs were removed.

2. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the bid for the surveillance cameras has been advertised.

3. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the Borough Easter Egg Hunt would be held in Meuser Park on Good Friday, April 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The rain date is April 15, 2006. Help will be needed this year as both kinds of eggs will be used.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman inquired as to whether or not Council would like to hold Government Day this year. It is usually held in April or May.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received some additional information concerning the event to be held in Meuser Park by the Palmer Volunteer Fire Company. The event would be a picnic without the use of the band shell or other facilities. The picnic would have a beer truck and the fire company will be responsible for all or any problems involved in the event.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Representative Bob Freeman has given the Borough a

\$5,000.00 grant for the refurbishing of the courts in Meuser Park. The grant application had to have been submitted by Friday, March 24, 2006.

4. Ms. Lohrman is beginning to put together the next Borough newsletter. Mr. Starniri requested that the department heads put pertinent information in the newsletter concerning their respective departments. Ms. Lohrman requested that Mr. Redington forward a concert and event schedule to her so it could be printed in the newsletter.

5. Mr. Feinberg has received a letter from West Easton inquiring about a traffic study and making Center Street one way. Mr. Reiss stated that Wilson had attempted to make the street one way and West Easton had filed a complaint.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested permission to hire Stewart Cochran as a part-time fire fighter. Motion to hire Mr. Cochran by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Chief Collins has received information from the County 911 center that county infrastructure will be ready for the fire department's to go to 500 MHz. Chief Collins inquired whether Council would like to apply for a Home Land Security Grant for new radios. The Borough would have a 5% match. Chief Collins is awaiting for an estimate from Industrial Communications for new radios. The City of Easton is already on 500 MHz. If the fire department would go to 500 MHz, they would then be able to communicate directly with the Police department. Motion to proceed with the Home Land Security Grant by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

3. Mayor Perruso understands that there is a problem with 911 and getting calls out. Chief Collins responded that there has been an ongoing problem with them. Mayor Perruso questioned what the Borough could do about it. Chief Collins stated that he just had a meeting with 911 officials and there has not been any improvement.

4. Mayor Perruso suggested having a table top exercise. Chief Collins agreed that it was a good idea. He will contact the county to get it set up.

5. Mayor Perruso inquired about what the status of the NIMS training was. Ms. Lohrman responded that the Public Works department was all certified, all but one firefighter was certified, and the Police department would have mandatory training at the academy. Most of Council has also been certified. Mayor Perruso reminded everyone that those municipalities that do not comply by September 30, 2006 will not get funding or grants. Ms. Lohrman requested copies from everyone of their NIMS certification.

6. Chief Collins inquired if he could put an ad out to sell our old breathing apparatus. It would be sold "as is, where is" and "best offer". Mr. Starniri expressed his concern over selling the equipment. Mr. Minotti felt the ad was appropriate. Motion to approve the placement of the ad by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Reiss.

POLICE:

1. Chief Nace requested permission to replace three officers who no longer work for the Borough. Motion by Mr. Reiss to run an appropriate ad for part time Police officers. Second by Mr. Klass.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Feinberg noted that the Public Works department had done an excellent job clearing Fisk field.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that there will be a meeting with the new Pool manager in the next two weeks. The committee will be notified of when the meeting will be held. The committee will also discuss the Assistant Manager's position.

2. Mr. Klass informed Council that someone needed to be a Certified Food Handler at the refreshment stand at the pool. Ms. Guth is willing to take the class. Motion by Mr. Klass to send Ms. Guth to the Food Handler class. Second by Mr. Starniri.

3. Mayor Perruso and Mr. Klass discuss the long period of time it was taking to complete Fisk field and the bike path. There is still much work to do. Both gentlemen felt the engineer should be pressured to get the work done. The engineer is working plans or specs for the Safe Routes to School project, Fisk field, the bike path, and the parking lot. Ms. Lohrman or Mr. Feinberg will look into the matter.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti has written a letter regarding the damaged light pole. Chief Nace has spoken to the

owner of the vehicle and she was to have produced her insurance card, but still has not. The owner has been cited for no vehicle insurance. She has requested a hearing. Mr. Minotti instructed Chief Nace to see if she produces vehicle insurance at the hearing.

2. Mr. Minotti instructed Ms. Lohrman to place an order with PSAB for an update to the Borough Code and Related Laws.

3. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on possible litigation.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan reminded Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held at the Rec Center in Northampton on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Sara Pandl will be the guest speaker. The discussion will be on planning and grants.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Mr. Stanriri to approve the limited parking sign at 2146 Butler Street. Second by Mr. Schug.

2. Council member agreed to hold Government Day on Monday, April 24, 2006. Ms. Lohrman was requested to get a list of students who will be attending.

3. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve the Palmer Volunteer Fire picnic under the provisions dictated by Ms. Lohrman. Second by Mr. Reiss.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. McGowan made an inquiry about a letter received from PennDot concerning the O'Neill development. Mr. Corriere responded that the application was for a retail store that had requested a separate entrance without going onto the property with the other retail outlets. PennDot has denied the request because of the proposed acceleration/deceleration lanes.

2. Mr. McGowan inquired about an email from the LVIC. Ms. Lohrman responded that the email included the names of two Boroughs how were joining the health insurance cooperative.

3. Mr. Minotti discussed the previous attempts to negotiate with Weis Markets for the triangle area for the bike path. As the negotiations have not come to an agreement, Mr. Minotti recommended acquiring the area by condemnation. Mr. Minotti will have the engineers draw up the exact area to be condemned. Motion to proceed with the condemnation by Mr. Stanriri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

4. Mr. Feinberg presented Council with a draft resolution on Tax Incremental Financing. Motion to table the matter because Council has not had time to review the information by Ms. McGinley. Second by Ms. Lilly. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Stanriri. Negative votes were cast by Mr. Feinberg and Mr. Reiss. Motion carried by a six to two vote.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1131 – Fair Housing Policy. Motion by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Stanriri.

2. Resolution 1132 – CDBG 2006. Motion by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Stanriri.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$156,813.62 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Schug. Second by Mr. Stanriri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Mr. Stanriri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY