

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 9, 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
Bob Reiss	David Schug
David Williams	

ABSENT:

Ronald Nixon, Louis Starniri

Also present were: Chief Richard Nace, Superintendent Greg Drake, Chief Michael Collins, Code Enforcement Officer Paul R. Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Paul Hulbert of 481 S. 21st Street and Russell Hank of 479 S. 21st Street inquired as to whether or not there is an ordinance restricting the size of pickup trucks on Borough streets. They were instructed there was not. A neighbor is starting up his pickup truck and allowing it to run for 15 to 20 minutes. The diesel fumes are coming into their homes. As the vehicle is left unattended and not started by a remote, Mr. Hulbert and Mr. Hank were instructed to call the Police department when this happens and the neighbor will be ticketed.

2. Fran Roscioli of 2426 Hay Street appeared before Council on behalf of the Wilson Midget Football Association. Coaches who wish to be reappointed are requested to submit a letter by December 31 of a given year expressing their intent to return to the program next year. The letters are reviewed by the football board and reappointed if the board agrees. The by-laws address the procedure, but it does not specify that it should be done every year. A specific coach had requested to return, but the association did not wish him to return to as Head Coach. The matter went to Rec Board and was returned to the association to clarify the by-laws. The by-laws were changed accordingly. Mr. Minotti had spoken to Mr. Roscioli about the matter, but could not go any further without Council's permission. Rec Board overruled the decision not to reappoint the coach. A discussion was held about the Sunshine Law and decisions made in an Executive Session. Mr. McGowan inquired as to why Council should be getting involved in a Rec Board matter. Mr. Feinberg requested that Mr. Minotti look into the matter for the next meeting. Ms. Lilly requested the matter be tabled until she can get the information together supporting the Rec Board's position.

Mr. Roscioli stated that he did not appreciate the manner in which Ms. Lilly handled herself at the Football Association's meeting. Mr. Roscioli found Ms. Lilly to be disruptive. The meetings are public and are recorded. Ms. Lilly denied the allegations that she was disruptive.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from David McGuckin, PennDot Project Engineer for the 24th Street bridge project, informing Bob Bryant that PennDot did not feel that the Borough's choices for the bridge had been fully addressed in the TS&L. Mr. McGuckin inquired whether Mr. Bryant had considered the possibility of raising the top of the box culvert to the street level. Regardless of the option chosen, there will be additional costs in the future in terms of inspection, maintenance, etc.

2. Tony Verenna of 2342 Front Street requested permission to close the alley behind his home on Saturday, June 9, 2007 for a graduation party.

3. A letter was received from Anthony Branco, Chairman of the Northampton County Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, inquiring whether Wilson Borough would be interested in hosting a meeting of the committee on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the towing fees and fines collected by Judge Koury were

\$7,562.29.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received Lehigh Valley Greenway Plan from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission on CD-ROM. The Planning Commission is considering making the Greenway Plan part of the Comprehensive Plan for the Lehigh Valley. Ms. Lohrman will have the copy available in her office if anyone is interested in reviewing it. Comments are due on May 10, 2007.

2. At the last Council Meeting, Ms. Lohrman had received a request from Easton Suburban Water Authority asking the Borough to adopt an ordinance to establish a Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program. Ms. Lohrman inquired if Council would like to proceed with the request.

3. Ms. Lohrman inquired if any additional Council members were interested in attending the annual PSAB conference in June. Mr. Reiss, Mr. McGowan, and Mr. Feinberg responded in the affirmative.

4. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Sara Pandl concerning the County Open Space Grant program. The Borough's application has received tentative approval. Final approval will be obtained after the County funds the program.

5. Ms. Lohrman has contacted the City of Easton, Williams Township, and Palmer Township concerning the possibility of obtaining a letters of support for our DCNR application. All the municipalities have agreed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. The committee has reviewed the bids for the mold remediation project at the municipal building. National Property Damage Experts, LLC had the lowest bid at \$13,230.00. Mr. Feinberg added that the company seems to do slightly more than the other companies. The company also has many recommendations included in the packet. Mr. McGowan recommended awarding the bid to National Property Damage Experts, LLC. Motion to award the bid to National Property Damage Experts, LLC by Mr. Schug. Second by Ms. Lilly.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested Council's permission to promote Justin Purdy to the part-time drivers list. Mr. Purdy has completed all his training. Motion by Mr. Klass to add Justin Purdy to the drivers list. Second by Mr. Williams.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Drake has received a draft Resolution from PennDot for an escalation clause for bituminous materials that should be added to our bid packet and contract. Ms. Lohrman will forward a copy of the draft to Mr. Minotti for his review. Ms. Lohrman will prepare the Resolution for the next Council meeting. Mr. Drake would like to get the bids out for the street paving this year so the bids will be back for the May 14, 2007 meeting.

2. Mr. Drake requested permission to hire Nick Lohrman and Nick Kovacs back this summer. He would like them to start as soon as they are able. Motion to rehire Mr. Lohrman and Mr. Kovacs by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Williams.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that the Pool Committee had met and has reviewed the pool contracts and estimates for services. The price increased about \$1,000.00, but it is still below the cost two years ago. The Pool Committee recommends staying with AquaServe. Ms. Guth will be selling pool passes three weekends next month. The committee would like to increase the price of season passes \$5.00 across the board. The daily rates will remain the same. Motion to increase season passes by \$5.00 by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Reiss.

2. Mr. Drake has worked out an arrangement with the City of Easton where the City would pave the parking lot at Fisk Field and the Borough would blacktop on College Hill. The Borough would only pay for the blacktop. Ms. Lohrman questioned whether the parking lot was part of the scope of work included in the grant application with the DCNR. If so, the Borough may not be able to pave the lot. Mr. Klass would like to withdraw the DCNR grant and use available funds to get the project started. Mr. Klass will meet with Ms. Lohrman and contact Ms. Pandl about the scope of work included in the grant application.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti had sent a draft of the agreement for the Police accreditation to the gentlemen who

will be performing the service. The draft has been approved with minor revisions. Mr. Minotti can incorporate the changes into the draft. Mr. DeEsch will provide Chief Nace with a copy of the revisions to make sure that the Borough can provide the items requested.

2. Mr. Minotti has received the TIF agreement executed by the other signatories. The Borough has already agreed to execute the TIF agreement. Mr. Feinberg has signed off on the agreement.

3. Mr. Minotti has received a letter from Shawn Welby requesting a meeting to review the drug policy. Mr. Minotti is will to meet along with representative(s) from Council. The meeting will be arranged through Officer Shull. Motion to proceed with the meeting by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Williams.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Verenna to close the alley behind his home on June 9, 2007 by Mr. Reiss. Second by Ms. Lilly. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Williams. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a six to one vote.

2. Motion by Mr. Reiss to host a meeting of the Northampton County Intergovernmental Affairs Committee in District 2 on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Schug.

3. Council requested Mr. Minotti to review the request by Easton Suburban Water Authority to adopt an ordinance on Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Controls.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$67,785.25 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Klass..

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Second by Mr. Klass and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY