

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 10, 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
Daneen McGinley	James McGowan
Ronald Nixon	Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Joan Lilly, Bob Reiss, David Schug

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Chief Michael Collins, Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Dan Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Memorial Library, presented Council the library's Annual Report of Statistics. Mr. Redington pointed out that the circulation was down last year from 44,000 to 41,000 due in large part since the library was closed for 2 ½ weeks and the Children's department being closed for a month. The library had been closed due to new flooring being installed. A new roof was also installed. The AV and software usage increased as four new computers were added to the facility.
2. Cindy Rosenkranz appeared before Council to request permission to install starting blocks from the Y for the five home meets. The blocks currently used by the swim team are over 20 years old. The swim team cannot afford to replace the blocks. Ms. Rosenkranz requested that the starting blocks remain in place for the four weeks the swim team has matches. Mr. Klass will discuss the matter with the Parks and Recreation committee. Mr. Behler will look into the installation process.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from David L. McGuckin of PennDot concerning the proposed structure replacement of the 24th Street bridge. Based on the proposed changes by the Borough's engineer, it appears that the change from a box culvert to a single span bridge structure could add as much as \$114,000.00 to the original project estimate. At this time, it appears there will be adequate money in the TIP to successfully complete the project. If this is not the case, then Wilson Borough may be required to assume responsibility for any costs above what is currently projected for the project. A meeting is recommended to evaluate the current position.
2. Two sealed bids were received for the CCTV upgrade. The bids were as follows:
 1. I.C.U. Security, Inc. - \$8,646.00
 2. Scott Communications, Inc. - \$15,604.67Mr. Feinberg directed the Police committee to meet with Chief Nace to review the bids.
3. A letter was received from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to place a banner across Northampton Street to advertise the Greek Food Festival on May 19, 2006 through May 21, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected by Magistrate Koury were \$6,070.81.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the budget price of \$59,900.00 for the boiler replacement did include the four secondary B & G circulators.
2. Ms. Lohrman presented a copy of the Small Town, Huge Possibilities brochure prepared by the

Borough Business Steering committee that had been mailed out to Borough businesses approximately two weeks ago. About a dozen responses have been received.

Ms. Lohrman also reviewed a memorandum from Mark Hartney regarding the streetscape grant application that will be submitted by Stacy Schlaner, Northampton County Grants Administrator, on behalf of all nine municipalities in the Borough Business Revitalization Program. Ms. Schlaner will coordinate with the state and they are expecting our joint application. The deadline for each Borough to submit their funding requests is Friday, April 28, 2006.

3. Ms. Lohrman had recently had a telephone conversation with John Earl, Recreation & Park Advisor, for the DCNR about the Borough's bike path. Ms. Lohrman informed Mr. John that Borough Council had condemned the triangle area on March 27, 2006. The land had been owned by Weis Markets. Ms. Lohrman was requested by Mr. Earl to have the Borough Solicitor send him a certification of title stating that the land we need for the bike path was taken by condemnation and the Borough was in control of the land that we need to complete the bike path. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Mr. Minotti regarding the request.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the PSAB Annual Conference would be held from June 11, 2006 to June 14, 2006 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Ms. Lohrman requested that if anyone was interested in attending they should let her know.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri thanked the Wilson Lions for holding a breakfast to raise funds on behalf of the Fire Department. It was a great effort.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass presented to Council the Rec Board Minutes from February 2006.

2. Mr. Klass informed Council that Ms. Lohrman had met with Ms. Montgomery regarding Elementis field. Ms. Lohrman replied that the Public Works department had cleared off the parking lot area and has been dumping dirt on site.

3. Mr. Klass informed Council that two people from Wilson Borough had placed in the state swimming tournament. As Wilson High School does not have a swim team, the individuals swim as independents.

SOLICITOR:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next meeting would be held on April 26, 2006 in Hellertown. The topic will be nuisance properties.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman attempted to set up a meeting with PennDot concerning the 24th Street bridge during the evening hours, but several of the departments attending the meeting do not work in the evening. Ms. Lohrman has received two tentative dates for the meeting, April 13, 2006 or April 17, 2006. Mr. Feinberg hoped Mr. McGowan and Mr. Reiss would attend the meeting with him.

2. Motion to approve the banner request from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman added that she has received the appropriate Certificate of Insurances.

3. Mr. Feinberg reminded Council that the boiler replacement had to go out for bid. Mr. Feinberg

appointed Mr. McGowan, Mr. Corriere, and Chief Collins to work on bid specs. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri felt that the project was a long term project. Chief Collins responded that it was very expensive to repair the units the Borough current has and the cost to replace the boiler would only increase over time. The Borough has \$50,000.00 put aside for the boiler replacement.

4. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the Business Redevelopment committee would be meeting tomorrow. The grant should have a good chance at being approved as all the Boroughs would be doing a joint application. Mr. Starniri made a Motion to join with the Steering Committee on the grant proposal. Second by Mr. Klass.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg inquired about removing the cap the Borough has on construction building fees. Mr. Feinberg felt that the Borough would be losing money on large projects because both Mr. Corriere and Chief Collins would be involved in performing inspections. Mr. Minotti reminded Council that the Borough must justify the fees charged. Mr. Minotti requested a breakdown of costs involved in the inspection process. Mr. Feinberg did not feel that it would be a problem to prove the removal of the cap or at least justifying a higher cap.

2. Mr. McGowan reviewed the information contained in Council packets from Lower Mt. Bethel Township concerning impact fees for school districts. Mayor Perruso felt it only pertained to townships. Mr. Starniri who is a member of the PSAB Resolution Committee will check into the matter and see if it can apply to Boroughs. MECAB could also be involved in the process. Mr. Klass added that the Borough should consider recreation impact fees.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1133 – Wilson Park Tax Increment Financing Plan for Wilson Park. Mr. McGowan questioned what the preliminary information from the Northampton County Industrial Development Authority was. Mr. McGowan expressed his concern over the attendance of committee members. Mr. Starniri felt it was an appropriate action to appoint representatives from the Borough to discuss the TIP. Any recommendations would return to Council to approval. Motion to accept Resolution 1133 by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. McGinley. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Starniri. A negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$72,098.64 were paid on a Motion by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Nixon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McGinley made a Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY