

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MAY 8, 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 Lilly	James McGowan
Ron Nixon	Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Daneen McGinley, Bob Reiss, David Schug

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. McGowan disagreed with comments on the second page of the Minutes of the April 24, 2006 Council Meeting. Mr. McGowan did not agree on information discussed at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street bridge meeting with PennDot and representatives from P.J. Lehman, Inc. Ms. Lohrman replied that she had reported to Council what had been said at the meeting with PennDot. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2006 Council Meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Starniri. A negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Helen Remaley thanked the McGowan family, Mayor Perruso, and Lisa Guth for assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great success.

2. Kathy Lenhart of Northampton Street expressed her concerns about the pool management. Ms. Lenhart felt the pool was grand last year under Rick Crouse's direction. Previous managers frequently closed the pool early because of low attendance, but Mr. Crouse had kept the pool open. Ms. Lenhart hoped that the new manager would do the same. Mr. Klass replied that Mr. Crouse would not be returning, but the same company would be managing the pool. The new manager is a teacher from Allen High School who works with Mr. Crouse.

3. Gene Lienhard of 1824 Northampton Street complained about the conditions of 1844 Northampton Street and the house next door to 1844 Northampton Street. The grass is rarely cut on either property. Mr. Corriere remarked that the problem was indicative of commuters living in the Borough. Mr. Starniri added that the next newsletter has an article in it concerning grass cutting. To report violations, one only must call the non-emergency number and the police department will check into the complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Police Pension Board that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

2. A letter was received from Mary Meuser Library requesting a new board member be appointed to the Library Board to fill the seat previously held by Gwyn Verenna.

3. A letter was received from Jennifer DeBelli, an English Teacher at Wilson Area High School, requesting permission to close the twenty two hundred block of Washington Blvd. for a special community service event on May 16, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to May 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso inquired as to whether or not Chief Nace was aware of the special community service event held at the high school.

2. The total fines collected by Magistrate Koury were \$7,899.47.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the information received from Amy Riddle Montgomery concerning the

Safe Routes to School project. The preliminary cost estimate for the improvements is much higher than the grant request. The crosswalk surface treatment using the Imprint or Duratherm product is in the \$60,000.00 price range. With the road surface and base repairs needed in some areas due to the poor pavement conditions, as well as the handicap ramp construction, the project is in the order of \$95-100k. This excludes \$12k for the 4 flashing school speed limit signs since they are not covered by this funding. The estimate to complete the crosswalk improvements using the Chameleon Ways product is slightly over \$100k. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the original grant estimate to complete the project was \$40,483.00. The Borough's portion of the project was \$6,000.00. The grant was approved in the amount of \$34,483.00.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received a request from Environmental Design requesting the mylars and prints for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd lot line adjustment plan be signed by the Planning Commission and Borough Council.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received a form from PSAB requesting the Borough's appointment as the Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate to the Annual PSAB conference in June 2006.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received a copy of the Technical and price proposal amendment for the rendering of services for the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge replacement project. The additional cost in engineering is \$27,609.85. Ms. Lohrman has the information available in the office for Council's review.

5. Ms. Lohrman has received the compliance audit reports for the three pension plans from the Attorney General's office. Ms. Lohrman will review the comments and report back to Council.

6. Ms. Lohrman has received certificate of deposit renewal notices for three certificates maturing at Lafayette Ambassador Bank for a total of \$1,400,000.00. Ms. Lohrman inquired as to how Council would like to reinvest the funds.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. McGowan reported that the sewer authority will be holding a pretreatment seminar in Allentown on May 18, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Problems with grease and oil will be discussed. Council was directed to contact Mr. McGowan if interested in attending the seminar.

#### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that Olind Safety submitted the highest bid for the airpacks at \$1,500.00. The company will have someone make arrangements to pick up the air packs. Mr. Starniri inquired about the equipment being as is. Chief Collins responded that it was contained in the bid information. Motion to approve the bid by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. McGowan.

#### POLICE:

None

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Nixon made a Motion to hire Nick Kovacs, Nick Lohrman, and Jordan Purdy back as summer help in the Public Works department. Mr. Klass inquired as to whether or not Council would like to hire additional help as extra work need to be done at the fields. Mr. Nixon felt that some of the work would be contracted out. Mr. McGowan questioned what work need to be done. The additional help matter was tabled until it could be determined how much work is to be completed.

2. Mr. Behler informed Council that there has been several incidents of vandalism at Liberty Park. Baseball playing and bike riding in the park has killed the grass. Ms. Lilly requested Chief Nace to increase patrols in the area. Chief Nace responded that he already had spoken to the officers in particular the 4 to 12 shift.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass has received a proposal from AquaServe to provide a Manager and Assistant Manager for the pool for the season. The total for both positions is \$18,500.00. The cost savings over last year is about \$1,900.00. The Assistant Manager will work between 25 to 30 hours per week. AquaServe will also provide a proposal for providing swim lessons. Pool parties will be held during the day. The proposed cost for the parties would decrease to \$75.00. Ms. Guth will be added to the list of persons responding to answering any alarms at the pool. Ms. Guth will also sell pool passes before the season opens. Motion to authorize Mr. Feinberg to sign the AquaServe proposal. Second by Mr. Nixon.

#### SOLICITOR:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received a letter from the county Assessment Office requesting copies of all ordinances concerning the Keystone Opportunity Zone and Local Economic Revitalization Act. Mr. Minotti does not recall any such ordinances. Ms. Lohrman contacted the Assessment Office concerning the matter, but has not received a return call.

2. Mr. Minotti inquired about the status about the accident involving the light pole. Chief Nace still did not get the insurance information. Chief Nace also stated that the vehicle's owner is appealing the citation. Mr. Minotti has not received a response from his letter about recovering of damages. Chief Nace has notified PennDot concerning the insurance matter. Mr. Minotti will get a judgment filed.

3. Mr. Minotti understood that West Easton has been satisfied concerning the sewer lines around Wilson Manor. Mr. Minotti has received the appropriate paperwork. Mr. McGowan agreed the matter is settled. The sewer billing issue is still open.

4. Mr. Minotti requested a copy of the Drug & Alcohol Policy. Ms. Lohrman is not familiar with the policy. Mr. Behler will discuss the matter with Mr. Drake.

5. Mr. Minotti has received information concerning a stip on Wilson Manor assessment. Wilson Manor is looking to lower the assessment from \$1,300,000.00 to \$670,000.00. Mr. Minotti has not received any additional information including an appraisal. Mr. Minotti will not proceed on the request until more information is received.

6. Mr. Corriere has received information on property maintenance violations. If Mr. Corriere has arrest powers, he could file the appropriate paperwork and have a warrant issued for the owner of 2001 Ferry Street. Mayor Perruso replied that he could swear Mr. Corriere in. The Police department was reluctant to get involved since they had not handled the initial citations. Chief Nace has contacted District Attorney Morganelli to see what can be done.

7. Mr. Minotti has received information on a TEAM seminar on May 10, 2006 and May 11, 2006. As Mr. Minotti is unable to attend, Ms. Lohrman was directed to see if written information is available on the topics discussed.

8. Mr. Minotti has received correspondence from Attorney Cohen concerning the possible purchase of Borough property along S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Minotti will respond to Attorney Cohen and explain the current lease with the Wilson Area School District.

9. Mr. Minotti is attempting to set up the Miga hearing. Mr. Minotti is looking at May 23, 2006 or May 25, 2006 as possible dates. Mr. Minotti is awaiting confirmation from the other two attorneys involved. The meeting may need to be advertised again. The interested parties who attending the previous meeting will also need to be contacted. Mr. Corriere has also been contacted by other interested parties about when the next meeting will be held.

10. Mr. Minotti is working on the completion of the Weis Market condemnation papers. Mr. Minotti will attempt to get the ordinance drafted and the ad completed for the next Council meeting on May 22, 2006. Motion to advertise the draft ordinance by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Nixon.

11. Mr. Minotti has reviewed the information he received on the COG by-laws. Mr. Minotti is in agreement with Mr. Monahan. Mr. Minotti felt that anything passed by COG must be passed by each municipality within the COG. Mr. Minotti stated that he did not have a copy of the original COG by-laws.

12. Mr. Minotti would like to review the Articles of Incorporation of the sewer authority with Mr. McGowan.

#### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the MECAB tour and dinner would be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. The tour will begin in Stroudsburg at 8:30 a.m. and go through the Poconos. Dinner will be at the Best Western at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the event will be \$15.00. Everyone is invited to attend. Council was directed to completed the information contained in the packets if interested in attending. The tour and dinner will be the last event of the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that Mrs. Verenna had attended the last Library Board meeting. In the process of the meeting, Mrs. Verenna resigned from the Board. Several Council members expressed their dismay over the matter. As it was too late to advertise for a volunteer for the Library Board, Mr. Klass made a Motion to advertise for the vacant position. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Chief Nace and Chief Collins felt that it was not safe to close Washington Blvd. for a night with covered vehicles on the street. Chief Collins stated that the vehicles could be set up in the morning. Chief Collins will contact Ms. DeBelli to work the situation out.

3. Motion by Ms. Lilly to negotiate a rate for the certificates of deposit coming due on May 26, 2006. Ms. Lohrman will report back to Council at the May 22, 2006 Council meeting. The interest will be rolled into the certificates.

4. Motion by Mr. Klass to complete the Safe Routes to School project with what funds the Borough has available and reapply for a grant to complete the remainder of the project. Second by Mr. Starniri.

5. Mr. Feinberg explained to Council that Dr. Ditmar had requested a lot line adjustment on the Good Shepherd property as he was interested in purchasing the land from the church that he had leased for years. Dr. Ditmar would like to install an elevator to his building, but the area needed for the elevator was on the land currently owned by the church. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

6. Mr. Feinberg suggested appointing Mr. McGowan as Voting Delegate to the PSAB conference. Motion to approve the suggestion by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Stanriri. Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Mr. Feinberg as the Alternate Delegate. Second by Mr. Nixon.

7. Mr. Klass stated that although he had not met with Chief Nace and Mr. Drake, Mr. Drake had suggested pushing back Firmstone Street and making parallel parking off the street. Mr. Klass will set up a meeting to discuss the parking problem on Firmstone Street shortly.

8. Mr. Corriere informed Council that the Housing Rehab program will be kicking off shortly. Mr. Corriere will be sending out letters to contractors this week. Mr. Corriere will be meeting with the committee within the next two weeks.

9. Ms. Lilly requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Verenna. Second by Mr. Klass.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lilly questioned Mr. Corriere about the Garofalo property. Mr. Corriere will speak to Mr. Garofalo once again.

2. Mr. Minotti requested Council to amend the S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street Motion to add authorization to proceed with the Declaration of Taking. Motion to approve request by Mr. Stanriri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

#### ORDINANCES:

None

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1134 – Increase Towing Rates. Chief Nace supplied Council with a copy of the City of Easton's towing ordinance. Chief Nace would like to add a \$20.00 service fee for each car impounded to cover the costs the Borough incurs in processing the paperwork. Motion to approve the amended resolution by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri. Mr. Minotti requested the addition of any other approved towing service to the resolution.

2. Resolution 1135 – For Additional Street Lights. Motion to approve by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

3. Resolution 1136 – For Additional Street Lights. Motion to approve by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

#### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$112,149.71 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Nixon. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY