

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 24, 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:

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| Leonard Feinberg, President | James Klass |
| Joan Lilly | James McGowan |
| Ronald Nixon | David Schug |
| Louis Starniri | |

ABSENT:

Daneen McGinley, Bob Reiss

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Chief Richard Nace, Chief Michael Collins

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 10, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Starniri.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from St. Jane's Principal Barbara Sullivan and Physical Education Instructor Charles McGarvey requesting the use of the alleyway between 19th Street and 20th Street behind the school for the one mile run. The ends of the course are marked by a cone with an individual to move the cones for local traffic. The dates requested are: Tuesday, August 29th, Wednesday, August 30th, Tuesday, September 5th, Wednesday, September 6th, Tuesday, September 12th and Wednesday, September 13th.

2. A letter of appreciation was received from City of Easton Mayor Philip B. Mitman for the generous assistance with labor and equipment Wilson provided during the recent flooding of the City.

3. A letter was received from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to have a banner placed across Northampton Street to promote their Greek Food Festival. The event will be held from October 6, 2006 through October 8, 2006.

4. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Housing Rehab committee that there would be a meeting tomorrow, July 25, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

5. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Mr. Minotti had confirmed the next Miga hearing for Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

6. A letter was received from Henry Casella requesting Council's approval to continue weekly Friday evening rentals for a dance night at the Strausser Community Center. The dances would be held from April 2007 through November 2007.

7. Two letters were received concerning the water shut-off for non-payment of garbage and sewerage bills from Thomas Nerwinski of 1808 Freemansburg Ave. Letters included a note from Hunterdon Doctor's Office Building in Flemington, NJ stating the Mrs. Nerwinski is in the third trimester of pregnancy and it is medically necessary that she have running water and functioning sewage drainage.

8. A letter was received from Helen Remaly complaining about kids out in her neighborhood after curfew. The children were urinating between houses, getting into mischief, being in neighbor's yards, making fun of the residents, and singing dirty songs.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received an application for Handicapped Parking from Louis R. Medellin, Jr. of 1536 Lehigh Street. Chief Nace has found the application in compliance with the Borough's ordinance. Only one handicapped parking spot is currently on the block. Motion by Mr. Nixon to approve the request. Second by Mr. Starniri.

2. Chief Nace stated that he had talked to Mrs. Remaly earlier this morning concerning her problems with the neighborhood children. The children are from Forest and Birch Streets. Chief Nace checked the logbooks and the Police have not received any complaints from the neighbors about the children. Chief

Nace had spoken to the officer on duty last evening and he had not seen any problems. Mrs. Remaly and her neighbors were directed to call the Police with complaints.

3. Chief Nace is in dire need of Police officers. Motion by Mr. Nixon to hire Steve Homocki, Jim Alercia and Ralph Riegel. Second by Mr. Klass.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman had supplied Council with the Minutes of the last Business Steering Committee meeting. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that there will be an informational meeting of the Wilson Borough Revitalization Program on Thursday, July 27, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Strausser Community Center. Light refreshments will be supplied by Easton Hospital. Borough Council was invited to attend.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough was approved for a Technology Grant in the amount of \$19,745.00. The funds are earmarked to purchase a server and most of two MDTs. Ms. Lohrman requested permission from Council for Mr. Feinberg and Chief Nace to execute the paperwork. Motion to execute the grant agreement by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Nixon.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mayor Perruso, and she had met with Sara Pandl and Lorne Possinger from the DCNR. Mr. Possinger suggested breaking the project into phases as the Borough could not work on any phase that was included in the grant until the grant was approved and funded. Phase I could be engineering and the archeological study. The parking lot could be Phase II and be funded from CDBG funds. Phase III could be the field development. The total estimate for the project is approximately \$800,000.00. Mr. Possinger suggested applying for \$200,000.00. The Borough would be responsible for matching the \$200,000.00. The public must be involved in the project. Ms. Lilly has spoken to the associations for letters for support. Ms. Lohrman will contact local municipalities. Mr. Possinger informed the group that the county has earmarked \$174,000.00 for Wilson Borough to be used for open space or park development in a bond issue. Ms. Pandl will look into applying for the funds. The Borough will have to match the funds with 25% of their own money.

Mr. Klass would like to begin the construction of the Fisk field parking lot soon. The project must go out for bid. Ms. Lohrman added that the Borough would need plans and specs before the project could begin. Mr. Minotti suggested seeing if the water company could do the project. Mr. Nixon will contact Mr. Drake to see if he could contact the water company about the parking lot.

Ms. Lohrman was requested to contact the City of Easton to see if they would be willing to allow the football association to use their baseball field adjacent to Fisk field for parking during practice.

4. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a personnel issue.

5. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the tile flooring in the Fire department is coming up in two areas. Chief Collins had gotten two estimates for the floor replacement a year or two ago, but the project was not done as it was felt at the time to be too expensive. Mr. Feinberg is working on getting a third estimate, but felt it should be in the same range as the other two estimates or \$4,500.00. Mr. Nixon will discuss the matter with Mr. Drake to see if Mr. Polomchak could do the work.

6. Mr. Schug inquired about the progress of the municipal building parking lot. Ms. Lohrman responded that we should be receiving the bid and specs shortly. Mr. Schug felt the process has taken too long. A short discussion of the current engineering firm was held. Mr. Feinberg suggested the Borough look into hiring another engineering company when it was the appropriate time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. McGowan stated that the bid specs have been prepared. Motion by advertise the specs by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that everything at the pool was going well. Both diving boards were broken. Mr. Drake had ordered them, but it would be need the end of the season before they would be received. Ms. Lilly requested that Mr. Drake put a stop on one of the slides and Council consider putting in a sliding board.

2. Another complaint has been received from Ann Williams about the lack of adult supervision in the refreshment stand. Mr. Klass suggested looking into sourcing out the refreshment stand to an outside vendor.

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti reiterated that the next Miga hearing would be held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. He will try to have the hearing conclude on that date. Ms. Lohrman has furnished Mr. Minotti with costs of the hearing thus far. Mr. Minotti will attempt to collect an additional \$1,000.00 for costs.

2. Mr. Minotti has been requested to attend a settlement hearing for the Wilson v Matharu case in Federal Court in Philadelphia on Friday, July 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Schug or Ms. Lohrman will attend the hearing with Mr. Minotti.

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve the request by St. Jane's for the use of Filbert Street by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. A negative vote was cast by Mr. Feinberg. Motion carried by a six to one vote.

2. Motion to approve the banner request by Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church by Mr. Schug. Second by Ms. Lilly.

3. Ms. Lilly felt that allowing King Henry to have every Friday night from April through November would adversely affect graduation parties. Mr. Feinberg reminded everyone that for what Mr. Casella is currently paying, the Borough is losing money on the deal. Mr. Starniri felt that the dances were very popular and there's been an excellent response. Motion to approve the request for the Strausser Community Center for Friday evening dances at the same rate by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri. Ms. Lohrman was directly to put something in the newsletter about the Friday evening dances.

4. Motion by Mr. Starniri to proceed with the water shut-off as directed in the Borough ordinance for the property located at 1808 Freemansburg Avenue. Second by Ms. Lilly.

5. Motion by Mr. Klass to hire The Personal Care Cleaning Service to clean the community center on weekends as needed. Second by Ms. Lilly. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. No negative votes were cast. Mr. Nixon abstained from voting. Motion carried by a six to zero vote with one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lilly stated that the Public Works department was to have taken football equipment to the Public Works garage last fall. The equipment was never moved because the field was too muddy. Ms. Lilly inquired as to whether or not the Borough was responsible for any damages. Council responded that they would not be responsible.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$135,615.90 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Nixon. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY