

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 8, 2005

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

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg
Joan A. Lilly
David Schug

James Klass
James McGowan
Louis Starniri, Vice President

ABSENT:

Daneen McGinley, Ronald Nixon, Bob Reiss

Also present were: Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Chief Richard Nace, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 25, 2005 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Klass.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Bob Roof of 37 N. Wright Street appeared before Council with a Petition to have their garbage once again picked up on back up alley instead of the recent change requested by Waste Management to have the garbage picked up in front of properties. After a discussion on the parking situation, the problems caused to the residents in winter, and forcing the residents to carry their garbage down numerous steps, Council requested that Waste Management pick up the garbage in the alley. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Klass. Ms. Lohrman will contact Waste Management to request the change and notify the residents as to the status of their request.

2. Ramona Glassford of 1529 Spring Garden Street requested permission to park a 28 foot trailer in front of her home during her move. Chief Nace indicated there is angle parking on one side of the street and parallel parking on her side of the street. Motion to approve Ms. Glassford's request by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Schug.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from St. Janes Frances de Chantal School requesting permission to use the alleyway between 19th Street and 20th Street behind the school for a one mile run which is part of the President's Physical Fitness Test. The dates requested for the closure were August 30, 2005, August 31, 2005, September 6, 2005, September 7, 2005, September 13, 2005, and September 14, 2005.

2. Ms. Lohrman reminded the Police Pension Board that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

3. A letter was received from Lear Educational Center requesting two street directional signs to their business be placed at the corner of S. 21st and Butler Streets and Route 22 at S. 25th Street.

4. A petition by neighbors to deny a Handicapped Parking space at 2125 Birch Street was presented to Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. In the absence of Mayor Perruso, Mr. Starniri presented to Council two requests for Handicapped Parking. The first request is for 1802 Fairview Ave. and the second request was deferred from the last meeting and is located at 2125 Birch Street.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed an email Mr. Drake had received concerning street signs. The 3M 3900 series prismatic material is not approved for use in Pennsylvania. The approved color for street name signs is white on green. PennDot will entertain other color combinations, but they must be approved in advance. Blue/yellow is not a combination that would be approved as there is not enough contrast between the colors. Ms. Lohrman requested Council members to consider other color combinations going forward. Mr. McGowan inquired as to how PennDot can dictate the color of the Borough's signs.

2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the 2006 MMOs for the Non-Uniform and Fire Pension Plans. The MMO

for the Non-Uniform plan is \$10,294.00 and the MMO for the Fire plan is \$0.00. These figures will be used to complete the 2006 budget. The Police MMO should be forthcoming.

3. At Ms. Lilly's request at the last Council meeting, Ms. Lohrman contacted John Earl from the DCNR concerning the bike path extension. Mr. Earl had received our extension request in a timely manner. Our request was packaged with 40 or 50 other requests for grant extensions. The State Legislature will vote on the extensions as a whole. Mr. Earl did not have a time frame for the approval.

Ms. Lohrman had contacted Ms. Riddle requesting that the legal description for the triangle area at Weis Markets be expedited. Ms. Riddle is still awaiting for the right-of-way information from PennDot to complete the legal description. Ms. Lohrman will forward the information to Mr. Minotti as soon as she receives it.

4. Ms. Lohrman was informed that the Wilson Borough Lions is willing to pay for an electronic scoreboard at Jeffery field except for the labor needed to install the sign. Ms. Lohrman requested permission to have the Public Works department complete the sign installation.

5. Ms. Lohrman has been informed by Ms. Riddle that the Boundary and Topo plans have been completed for Fisk field. Ms. Riddle had wanted to confirm that the Borough indeed owned the land. Ms. Lohrman had replied that the Borough did own the land and recent inquiries to the County's website confirmed this.

6. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she would be on vacation from August 18, 2005 through August 23, 2005. Ms. Guth and Mrs. Perruso would be staffing the office in her absence.

7. Ms. Lohrman requested a Caucus on a staffing matter in the Borough office.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A complaint was received concerning cars going south on Wright Street which is one way going north. Two "Do Not Enter" signs are posted at the base of the hill. Mr. Behler did not see a problem with using a stencil to paint "Do Not Enter" across the pavement at the bottom of Wright Street.

2. Ms. Lilly inquired as to the status of the paving bids for the work to be completed around the hospital. Mr. McGowan responded that he did have copies of the bids, but had not discussed that matter with Mr. Drake.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that the bathroom stalls at the pool were rusted and had sharp edges. The cost to replace the stalls with new plastic ones would be \$2,200.00 for each bathroom. At present, there is \$5,000.00 in the budget for pumps that has not been spent. Ms. Lilly felt the project could wait until the pool season was over. Mr. Klass agreed that was a good idea.

2. Mr. Klass informed Council that Rec Board had met last month, but had only reviewed committee reports as there was not a quorum of the Board present at the meeting.

3. Mr. Klass would like to hold a Pool Committee meeting with Ms. Guth, Ms. Lohrman, the Pool Manager, and the committee on Monday, August 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Plans for next year and the year end report will be discussed.

4. Ms. Lilly inquired as to what the policy was concerning the rental of pavilions was. Ms. Lohrman responded that the person had the pavilion for the day, i.e. until the park closes. Ms. Lilly stated that the Baseball Association was told to leave the park because the band concert was starting. Ms. Lohrman stated that that was not the Borough's position. Ms. Lilly wondered if someone from the Friends of Mary Meuser Library had told the Baseball Association to leave to park.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti requested a Caucus on a labor matter.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the first meeting of the new MECAB program year was scheduled at the Strausser Community Center on September 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. The organization hopes to develop cooperation between the area Boroughs. Mr. McGowan hoped everyone could attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Chief Nace has found everything in order for the Handicapped Parking request at 1802 Fairview Ave. The spot is requested to be on the S. 18th Street side of the building. A short discussion was held on the parking at the 18th Street Market. Motion to approve the request under the condition that two parking spots would be available for the market by Mr. Schug. Second by Mr. McGowan.

2. After a short discussion on the tabled Handicapped Parking request at 2125 Birch Street, the matter was again tabled. Mr. Corriere will report back to Council on the status of the day care business.

3. Motion to authorize the Public Works department install the scoreboard at Jeffery field. Second by Mr. Schug.

4. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve the directional sign request by Lear Educational Center. Second by Ms. Lilly. Ms. Lohrman had spoken to the business and they are aware there is a fee for the signs.

5. Mr. Starniri inquired as to whether or not the cones were sufficient for the one mile run at St. Jane's School. Mr. Feinberg felt that they were. Motion to approve request for the alley's closure by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. McGowan. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. A negative vote was cast by Mr. Feinberg. Motion carried by a five to one vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lilly inquired as to the status of the Bono's Pizza parking lot. Mr. Corriere stated that he had spoken to them about it two weeks ago and they had expected the parking lot improvements to be completed yet this summer. A brief discussion was held on the handicapped parking in the lot.

2. After a Caucus, Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to allow additional names to be added for part time list for office help. Second by Mr. McGowan.

3. A request was received to waive the fee for Handicapped Parking at 1802 Fairview Avenue due to a financial hardship. Mr. Starniri stated that Council holds the fee intact.

ORDINANCE:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1121 – Approving Modification to CDBG 2005. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$61,408.13 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Schug.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Second by Ms. Lilly and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY