

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 7:25 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg, President	Joan Lilly
Daneen McGinley	James McGowan
Ronald Nixon	Bob Reiss
Louis Starniri	

ABSENT:

James Klass, 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:

The Minutes of the August 28, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Steve Guy appeared before Council concerning the submission of the final land development plan for the Dixie Lofts project. Mr. Guy is awaiting the final comments on the revised plans from Boucher & James and is in the process of complying with comments on the traffic plan. Additional counts were requested and will be completed now that school is back in session. As final plan approval is needed on or before September 27, 2006, Mr. Minotti suggested that Mr. Guy request an extension to the 90 days. Mr. Guy verbally requested an additional 30 day extension and will submit it in writing tomorrow.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter has been received from the Girl Scouts offering assistance on March 31, 2007 for their "Girls GO Green – Adopt a Park Day". Several ideas were discussed, but as it is so early in the year, no definitive ideas were given. Ms. Lohrman requested any ideas for projects to let her know.
2. A letter was received from the DCNR informing the Borough that a one year extension was given on the bike path project. The new ending date will be April 30, 2007.
3. A letter was received from McTish, Kunkel & Associates authorizing a time extension for the Phase 2 Land Development Plan of Lawrence W. O'Neill, et.al.
4. A letter was received from Palmer Township requesting a letter of support for a grant application for their newly constructed soccer fields at their community center.
5. A letter was received from Ellen Shaughnessy, Prudential Paul Ford Realtors, requesting consideration on selling, leasing or granting an easement at the end of our parking lot to the homeowner that purchases the home located at 2025 Butler Street.
5. Ms. Lohrman inquired if Mr. Starniri and Mr. Nixon could attend a short Police Pension Board meeting on September 20, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. They both responded in an affirmative manner.
6. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the next hearing on the Miga Curative Amendment matter will be held on Monday, September 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking request from Kenneth Depew of 2100 Butler Street. Chief Nace has approved the request providing parking on S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Nixon. Second by Mr. Reiss.
2. Mayor Perruso informed Council that Ms. Lohrman has received additional complaints on the rental trucks parking on Edelman Street. Discussion on the matter was tabled until Deferred Business.
3. Mayor Perruso requested that the Police Committee hold a meeting.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Chief Collins recommended that the Borough accept the bid from Che Mechanical Services for the boiler bid replacement. Motion to approve the request by Mr. Nixon. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough has received an invoice from the school district for the work done on the joint field project at the middle school. The invoice was for \$72,734.88 which is almost double from the estimate. Mr. McGowan suggested paying what we agreed to pay originally. Mr. Feinberg added that the Borough could budget the difference in next years budget. Mayor Perruso felt the Borough should pay the invoice as we had made a deal to pay ½ of the expenses. Mr. Reiss stated that the school district had only given us an estimate. Motion by Mr. McGowan to pay what the Borough had originally agreed to. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes were cast by: Ms. Lilly, Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Reiss.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received a call from Senator Wonderling's office offering us a grant for \$5,000.00 for community development. Suggested activities were for recreation, for libraries or for community centers. Ms. Lilly suggested using the funds for Fisk field. The project would have to be something more specific. Ms. McGinley suggested doing a project at the swimming pool. Activities at the pool were: resurfacing the pool, installing a slide at the pool, or fixing the retaining wall at the pool. Motion by Mr. Reiss to repair the retaining wall at the pool. Second by Mr. Staniri.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received permission from PennDot to advertise for bids for the Safe Routes to School project. She has forwarded the information to Ms. Montgomery.

5. Ms. Lohrman has received a request to hire Leah Christine Wright as a substitute Crossing Guard. Chief Nace has favorably completed the background check.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

### FIRE:

1. Chief Collins informed Council that the new flooring in the Fire Department has been installed.

### POLICE:

1. The Police committee will meet after the Council meeting has concluded to set a meeting date.

### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Feinberg inquired as to when the decal would be put on the new truck. Mr. Behler responded that it would be done tomorrow.

### PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

### SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti informed Council that the appraisal has been received by Weis Markets and has been forwarded to their attorney for review. Mr. Minotti expects a response by September 18, 2006.

### MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan stated that he has not received plans for the September meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Lohrman has prepared a list of streets in the Borough that have two hour parking restrictions. Most of the areas are in ½ to full blocks increments. Ms. Lohrman did receive a complaint after the last Council meeting. Five oversized rental vehicles were parked on Edelman Street. Mr. Feinberg suggested providing 2 hour parking with permits for three parking spots beginning at Drew's Beverage going north. The parking ordinance would have to be revised to add the area. Mr. Minotti requested the area measured out and he will prepare the ordinance. Mr. Drake will be requested to measure the area. Mr. Feinberg requested all Council members to look at the area before the next Council meeting so the Borough could vote to proceed with the ordinance revision.

2. Mr. Feinberg requested that the General Government committee review the ordinance on the weight and size of trucks parking on Borough streets. It would be illegal for many of the newer pick up trucks to be parked in the Borough under the current ordinance.

3. Mr. Reiss inquired what the status of the bridge inspection was. Mr. Feinberg responded that the bridge inspection meeting would be on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 11:45 a.m.

4. Motion by Ms. Lilly to write a support letter for Palmer Township grant application. Second by Mr. Starniri.

5. Motion by Ms. McGinley not to sell, lease or provide a right-of-way to the property at 2025 Butler Street. Second by Mr. Starniri.

6. Motion by Ms. Lilly to hire Leah Wright as a substitute Crossing Guard. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg has received a request from the Lehigh Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing for a donation of \$3,768.40. Motion by Ms. McGinley to deny the request. Second by Mr. Starniri.

2. Mr. Reiss reminded Council that there is one full time employee who is not covered by health insurance. The Public Works employees had agreed in their most recent contract to any new employees hired would only have the employee covered by the insurance. The Fire Department contract did not include this provision and the Police went to arbitration and their families are provided with health insurance. The employee was made aware of the insurance provision before he accepted the position. Mr. Reiss made a Motion to change the Public Works contract to allow all the employees to have their families covered by health insurance. No second was received. Mr. Minotti did not recommend opening the contract up again. He suggested waiting until the contract comes up for negotiation. Mr. Behler added that the contract expired on December 31, 2007.

#### ORDINANCES:

None

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1140 – Desire to apply for a DCNR Grant. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Starniri.

#### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$28,546.71 were paid on a Motion by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Nixon.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McGinley made a Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY