

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 14, 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, President Pro Tem Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg, President Pro Tem	James Klass
Joan A. Lilly	Daneen McGinley (Late)
James McGowan	Ronald Nixon
David Schug	

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss, Louis Starniri

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, 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 October 24, 2005 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Schug. The Minutes of the November 5, 2005 Budget Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the proposal from Mike's Heating & Air Conditioning. The yearly service contract would be \$1,250.00. The service contract for Metz Mechanical is \$1,411.00. Mr. McGowan questioned what Mike's overtime and weekend rates are. Mayor Perruso wondered whether Mike was capable of handling the Borough's system. Ms. Lohrman will contact Mike about his rates.

2. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the Police Pension Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

3. Ms. Lohrman reviewed an invoice submitted by Joseph Martino for \$100.00 for the disposal of hedge trimmings for his four unit apartment building located at the corner of S. 21st and Freemansburg Ave. Mr. Martino removed a large hedge and put it out for garbage pickup. Waste Management did not pick up the hedge. Mr. McGowan suggested that Ms. Lohrman respond to Mr. Martino and inform him that yard waste is not to be deposited into landfills. Ms. Lohrman will follow Mr. McGowan's suggestion.

4. A request was received from Jeanne Lakomski of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church requesting a directional sign for the church at the top of Avona Avenue.

5. Ms. Lohrman acknowledged an email from Sara Pandl. She and our Borough Engineer, Amy Riddle, had met with Ashley Development for three hours on Friday afternoon.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the Veteran's Day event was very successful. Both elementary school participated. The Marine Corps League was very pleased. Mayor Perruso hopes to have the high school band participate next year.

2. Mayor Perruso has received a request for Handicapped Parking sign for Gwyn Verenna at 2342 Front Street. Chief Nace has verified that no other signs are in the area. Motion to approve request by Mr. Nixon. Second by Ms. Lilly.

3. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the fines collected by Magistrate Koury were \$6,247.90.

4. Mayor Perruso reminded Council that there would be a Business Redevelopment meeting tomorrow, November 15, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the PLMS Athletic Field report as prepared by the Wilson Area School

District. The tree and vegetation removal is currently under budget, but the rough grading is over budget. The school district will continue to prepare project reports from time to time.

2. Ms. Lohrman acknowledged receipt of the monthly status report for the 24th Street bridge project. Ms. Lohrman has also received a drawing of the bridge. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the bridge is of a boxed culvert type with an 80 to a 100 foot tunnel through which the bike path would go. Mayor Perruso stated that it was his understanding that was the type of bridge it was to be. Mr. McGowan responded that he only understood that it was a precast bridge. Mr. Schug expressed his displeasure at the thought of having that type of bridge with kids around. Ms. Lohrman was requested to have a representative of P.J. Lehman, Inc. appear at the next Council meeting.

3. Ms. Lohrman has completed the changes to the budget made at the November 5, 2005 Budget Meeting. A copy of the budget changes have been provided in the Council packets.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received and dispersed copies of the legal description and easement she felt would be needed for the bike path.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the 2006 budget has been reviewed. Mr. Feinberg felt the budget was ready for passage. Ms. Lilly noted that several questions had been raised at the Budget Meeting. Mr. Klass stated that his question about the block wall at the pool had been answered by Mr. McGowan. The part time wages with a 4% increase across the board would be ratified through the salary resolution. Ms. Lohrman stated that she still needed to put in the Cash Available figure. Motion to approve the 2006 budget by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Klass.

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested a short Caucus.

POLICE:

1. Mayor Perruso informed the Police Committee that he would like to hold a meeting shortly.

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that Mr. Behler was back to work.
2. Mr. McGowan stated that leaf collection was continuing. This week will be one of the busiest.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti would like to have a Caucus at the end of the meeting on a matter of litigation.
2. Mr. Minotti has reviewed the proposed lease from Adams Advertising. Mr. Minotti had several minor changes that had to be made. All the modifications have been completed and Mr. Minotti has a reviewed lease. Motion to adopt the lease by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Klass.
3. Mr. Minotti reviewed a letter from Attorney McCarthy concerning the Bogusky/Calantoni matter and the paving of Firmstone Street. Mr. Behler stated that the Borough must put on the wearing surface. Mr. Corriere stated that the last house in Firmstone Street will have an Occupancy Permit by the end of the week. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Mr. Drake had told her that Firmstone Street was not in any condition to be turned over to the Borough as it is. Mr. Behler felt the street should be rebased. Mr. Behler will have Mr. Drake document what needed to be done to the street and provide an approximate cost for the repairs. The information will be provided to Mr. Minotti.
4. Mr. Minotti has located information regarding a parcel of land the Borough had been interested in receiving from Palmer Township. The parcel of land is 4.5 acres and was part of the former railroad land. The parcel is in West Easton, Wilson, and Palmer Township. Mr. McGowan will talk to Palmer Township and see if they are interested in giving or selling the land to the Borough.
5. Mr. Minotti reminded Council that the Borough would be receiving \$3,000.00 a year in lieu of real estate taxes from Antonian Towers beginning in 2006. No ending date was set.
6. Mr. Minotti will provide Ms. Lohrman with a copy of the EMST ordinance. The ordinance will be advertised to be adopted at the December 12, 2005 Council meeting. The collection will be similar to the one used for OPT.
7. Mr. Minotti has sent out the proposed ordinance notices regarding the I-1 zone. This is required under the Municipal Planning Act. The matter is on the agenda for the next Wilson Borough Planning Commission meeting. Council will have something in writing for review for the December 12, 2005 Council meeting. The summary of the ordinance will be available for review in the Borough Office, the Law Library and The Express-Times.
8. Mr. Minotti is working on amending the fee ordinance for the December 19, 2005 Council

meeting. A discussion was held on removing the cap for building permits. Mr. Minotti stated that the fee must be justified. Mr. Feinberg will work on breaking down the fees.

9. Mr. Feinberg inquired about the status of Fisk field. Mr. Minotti responded that Mr. DeEsch was present and he will be discussing the matter in Caucus.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the agenda for the meeting had not been planned as of yet. Mayor Perruso mentioned that the meeting would be held in Stroudsburg.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Klass requested a bi-monthly report be provided to Council on the collection of BPT. Ms. Lohrman will have Mr. Wamsley and Ms. Guth prepare the report.

2. Mr. Feinberg felt that Weis Markets should be contacted now that the Legal Description on the triangle area has been completed. A purchase, gift or easement may be acceptable. Mr. Minotti will contact Weis Markets to see what they are willing to do.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the directional sign request for Holy Ghost Ukrainian Church. A pole is available on the site. Second by Ms. Lilly.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$69,648.42 were paid on a Motion by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Nixon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McGinley made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mr. Nixon and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY