

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 27, 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, Easton PA. 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
Ronald Nixon	David Schug

ABSENT:

Daneen McGinley, Bob Reiss, Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 13, 2006 Council Meeting and the Minutes of the November 13, 2006 Budget Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Three bids were received for the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police car. They are as follows:
 1. Mark's Motors – Police Car Headquarters, Inc. - \$615.00
 2. Bay Ridge Motors, Inc. - \$581.00
 3. Michael A. Radogna - \$ 333.33
2. Ms. Lohrman spoke to Bob Bryant, engineer for the 24th Street bridge project. Mr. Bryant stated that the amended contract between Wilson Borough and PennDot had taken the longest time to have completed than any contract revision he has been involved in. Mr. Bryant requested an additional time extension for the project from January 10, 2007 to May 10, 2007.
3. Three bids were received for the Housing Rehab project for Mary Stocker at 2359 Second Street. The bids are as follows:
 1. Jim Panasik - \$12,650.00
 2. TDM Construction - \$23,800.00
 3. Y.H.S. Building & Remodeling - \$20,445.00

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman presented the findings of the indoor air evaluation from Avogadro Environmental Corporation concerning the mold problem in the building. Servpro had been originally contacted about the mold and had suggested the Borough have the mold tested. Servpro will review the findings of the report and will be coming on December 4, 2006 to give the Borough an estimate on the clean-up of the mold. The Borough than can make a determination if the project must be advertised for bid. Ms. Lohrman added that some of the work could be completed by the Public Works department. The full text of the report can be seen in the Secretary's office.
2. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the meeting schedule that must be advertised in the newspaper in January. Council, the Planning Commission, and Recreation Board will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wamsley will discuss the meeting time of the Zoning Board and let Ms. Lohrman know if the meeting will continue to be at 7:30 p.m. or move up to 7:00 p.m.
3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had spoken to Nick Ciccone regarding the parking lot construction. Weather permitting the wearing coat will be put on tomorrow and the lines painted on the lot and miscellaneous work will be completed on Wednesday. The lot should be open on Thursday. The lights will be installed as soon as the poles come in.
4. Ms. Lohrman spoke to Jeff Zettlemoyer, West Easton Borough Manager, this afternoon. West

Easton has completed the traffic study for the intersections on Freemansburg Avenue. Mr. Zettlemyer has spoken to PennDot and they do not have any objections to a change in traffic patterns. Ms. Lohrman requested Mr. Zettlemyer to send Wilson a copy of the traffic study and a letter from PennDot for Council to review.

5. Ms. Lohrman has received a call from Argie Frank, President of AARP. Ms. Frank indicated that AARP would like to purchase new microphones for the sound system at the community center as a gift. Ms. Lohrman inquired if Council had any objections to the request. None were received. Ms. Lohrman will contact Ms. Frank with the name of the person who installed the system.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Klass has received a request from Chief Collins to hire Gino Tomaino as a part-time firefighter. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve request. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Chief Collins has received preliminary approval from the DCED for a grant from Senator Wonderling for fire equipment.

3. Chief Collins informed Council that the Borough has been denied for a Homeland Security grant. The Borough has been denied funding for the last five years in a row.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Ms. Lilly thanked Tony Verenna, Jim Klass and Mayor Perruso for keeping Legion baseball in Wilson Borough.

SOLICITOR:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan reminded Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held in Coopersburg on November 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a museum tour and a train display presented by the Bucks County Railroad. Guests will be attending the meeting from Harrisburg. Anyone interested in attending should meet at Borough Hall at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Ms. Lilly to accept the \$615.00 bid by Mark's Motors for the police car. Second by Mr. Schug. Ms. Lohrman will notify the company that they have been awarded the bid.

2. Motion by Mr. McGowan to agree to the time extension for the 24th Street bridge project. Second by Mr. Klass.

3. Mr. Feinberg requested the bids for the Housing Rehab project for Mary Stocker be reviewed by Mr. Corriere and the Housing Rehab committee.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had increased the Real Estate Tax line item to reflect the assessment increase, lowered the library contribution to the 2006 funding level, and added line items suggested by Mr. McGowan concerning the engineering costs for plan review on subdivisions. Ms. Lohrman would like Council's permission to advertise the 2007 budget with the budget passage scheduled for the December 18, 2006 Council meeting. Motion to advertise the 2007 budget by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Klass.

5. Mr. McGowan did not feel that the Borough had any choice but to approve the SPCA contract. Mr. Feinberg pointed out the beginning in 2007, the Borough would not have to be charged for animals dropped off to the facility by residents. Mr. McGowan noted that previously the Borough had been

charged for 7 or 8 animals taken to the facility by the same resident. Motion to approve the SPCA contract by Mr. Schug. Second by Ms. Lilly.

6. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she had spoken to each of the bargaining units about the possible upgrades to the dental insurance. The fire unit is willing to accept Enhanced Option II or III. The police and public works units would both prefer Enhanced Option III. Motion to change the dental insurance to the Enhanced Option III by Mr. Klass. Second by Ms. Lilly.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 733 – Approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan (TIF). Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Schug. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Ordinance 733 passed by a five to one vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1145 – Recognizing the Importance of Employee Safety. Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Klass.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$95,030.15 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Nixon. Second by Ms. Lilly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Second by Mr. Schug and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY