

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NOVEMBER 28, 2005

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

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg  
Joan A. Lilly  
Ronald Nixon

James Klass  
James McGowan  
Louis Starniri, Vice President

ABSENT:

Daneen McGinley, Bob Reiss, David Schug

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr.,  
Assistant Superintendent Ron Behler, Chief Michael Collins

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 10, 2005 Special Council Meeting and the November 14, 2005 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Chuck Meyers from P.J. Lehman, Inc. and Dave McGuckin from PennDot appeared before Council to discuss the 24<sup>th</sup> Street bridge project. Mr. Meyers informed Council that one last approval is needed before the final design phase will begin. The bridge is tentatively planned to be in the form of a box culvert bridge. Mr. McGowan strongly objected to having the bridge be in the form of a box culvert bridge. He stated that it was never intended to be in that form and it was not safe to have the bike path run through it. Mr. Meyer explained that the drawing showing a 100 feet plus box was the worst case scenario. The best case scenario would be a 40 feet box. Ms. Lilly inquired about the cost differential of the different types of bridges. A precast bridge of 108 feet would cost approximately \$340,000.00. A precast bridge of 40 feet would cost approximately \$325,000.00. The approximate cost of a bridge with an 80 feet span would be \$385,000.00. If changes were made in the type of bridge, not only would there be an increase in the cost of the bridge itself, but also in design and engineering costs. The agreement would also have to be amended. Motion by Mr. Klass to direct Ms. Lohrman to send a letter to PennDot requesting the bridge construction proceed in a form other than a box culvert type of bridge. It would possibly be in the form of a prestressed concrete bridge. Mr. McGuckin will assist Ms. Lohrman with the verbiage of the letter. Any change to the bridge could result in pushing the time frame of bridge completion back.

2. Bud Latsch of 944 S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street appeared before Council to request them to reconsider the placement of yellow lines on Edelman Street. The movement of the yellow lines across from the laundry would increase the parking by two spots. Mayor Perruso stated that an agreement was made to give parking in front of the business in exchange for the spots on the west side of the street. Chief Nace had agreed as the arrangement would allow more space for trucks to get into the street. Mr. Behler questioned why the lines were on the street as no one is following them or enforcing the parking pattern. Ms. Lohrman stated that she had spoken to Bob Phillippi and he had stated that Lehigh Valley Site could come back and remove the striping, but the Borough would have to pay for it. The matter was tabled until Mr. Behler meets with Chief Nace. Ms. Lohrman will contact Mr. Phillippi for an estimate of the cost of having the yellow lines removed from the said area.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Business Development meeting scheduled for tomorrow, November 29, 2005 was rescheduled for next Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a Handicapped Parking request from TajLynne King of 434 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Nace has found the request to meet the Borough's requirements. Ms. King has requested a waiver of the fee. Motion to approve the request under the condition that the fee is paid by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Nixon.

2. Mayor Perruso expressed his pleasure with the notoriety the Wilson football team is bringing the

Borough. The team seems to be bringing the community back together. Mayor Perruso and several of the Council persons know the Mayor of Montoursville. The Lions Club will be giving breakfast to the team on Saturday morning. Because of the wrestling tournament at the gym on Saturday, Mayor Perruso has received a request for "no parking" on the east side of Warrior Lane for the buses for the football game to load. Mayor Perruso has also spoken to the Petrucci people about using the former Dixie warehouse lot for the day.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman was requested at the last meeting to check with Mike Farrell on his rates. The overtime weekday rate is \$117.00 and the overtime weekend rate is \$156.00.
2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Chief Nace had supplied them with a NIMS Alert. All Council members, managers, firefighters, police officers, and public works/utilities workers are required to be in full compliance by October 1, 2006. Ms. Lohrman hopes that Chief Collins may be in a position to provide the necessary training. Chief Collins will be updating the Emergency Management Plan in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter next year.
3. Ms. Lohrman has received reorganization meeting tips for Borough Council from PSAB. Ms. Lohrman noted that the Reorganization Meeting must be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Ms. Lohrman will advertise the meeting. The Borough will also have to fill the Vacancy Board. Mr. Feinberg will discuss this later in the meeting.
4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that although the 2006 Budget was passed at the last meeting, but budget must be advertised for 10 business days before final approval. Ms. Lohrman has advertised the budget today and will have it on the agenda for passage at the December 12, 2005 Council Meeting. She will also have the salary resolution prepared for the same meeting.
5. Ms. Lohrman has received the 2006-2008 CDBG and HOME contract with Rodite and Pandl. Ms. Lohrman requested Council's approval within the next few meetings.
6. Ms. Lohrman has received the 2006 contract with the Northampton SPCA. Ms. Lilly inquired as to whether the recent shelter closure was taken into account. Ms. Lohrman stated that there was not an indication on the invoice that the shelter was closed to cats. Mr. McGowan informed Council that this might be the last contact with the SPCA. He also mentioned that the Borough may opt not to allow private citizens to take animals to the shelter.
7. Ms. Lohrman presented the Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax report from when Mr. Wamsley began working until November 27, 2005.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the Planning Commission had reviewed the PRD for the Dixie Plant and found it in a favorable light. Something in writing should be sent to Mr. Minotti shortly.
2. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Shannon Duelley to the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Nixon.
3. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to appoint Shannon Duelley as Chairman to the Vacancy Board. The post has been vacant since the death of Vern Young. Second by Mr. Nixon.
4. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to approve the CDBG and HOME program contract for 2006 through 2008. Second by Ms. Lilly.
5. Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to send Lehigh Valley Site Contractors a letter of appreciation for working with us and the residents on the Edelman Street project. Second by Mr. Nixon.

##### FIRE:

1. As two firefighters have been approved in the 2006 budget, Mr. Starniri has received a request from Chief Collins to appoint the top two candidates to the position of full time fire fighter pending favorable psychological and physical exams. The candidates are Barry Rogers and Joseph Sipel. Tentative starting dates for both would be January 2, 2006. Motion to approve request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Klass.

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. McGowan stated that leaf collection is going well. Mr. Behler informed Council that leaf collection would continue this week and next. The street sweeper went out today and broke down shortly thereafter.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Klass informed Council that the City of Easton is considering closing their two swimming pools down next year. This may have a big impact on the Borough's pool. The Borough will need to do extra planning for next year.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Minotti informed Council that all the appropriate paperwork has been completed for both the EMST ordinance and the PRD ordinance. Both will be ready for adoption at the December 12, 2005 Council meeting. Mr. McGowan questioned why we would want to pass the PRD ordinance.

2. Mr. Minotti has received information on a seminar on Assessment Law and Procedures. Mr. Minotti felt that it would be very beneficial if either he or Mr. DeEsch attended. Either attorney would be willing to donate their time if the Borough would be willing to pay the \$169.00 fee. Motion to approve request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Ms. Lilly.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next MECAB meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 7:00 at the Stroud Regional Police headquarters. If anyone was interested in attending, they should meet at 6:00 p.m. There will not be a December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Minotti inquired on the status of the Bogusky matter. The bond money in question is for the renewal only. Mr. Behler indicated that the funds for the paving could come out of Liquid Fuel. A discussion was held on the condition of the road, the length of time to complete the project, and the usage of the road by the residents and the Borough Public Works Department. The matter is under court order. Mr. Minotti requested the matter be tabled until he speaks to Attorney McCarthy. Ms. Lohrman will have Mr. Drake provide information about the condition of the street and the proposed cost of the road repair/paving.

2. Mr. Starniri felt Council did not need to take action on the temporary "No Parking" on Warrior Lane.

3. Motion by Mr. Klass to approve the SPCA contract. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

4. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve the Metz contract. Second by Ms. Lilly.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1125 – PennDot Agility Agreement (Renewal). Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Ms. Lilly.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$98,647.63 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Nixon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Second by Mr. Nixon and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY