

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
DECEMBER 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, 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	Daneen McGinley
James McGowan	Ronald Nixon
Louis Starniri	

ABSENT:

Bob Reiss, David Schug

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 27, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Lilly.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Mr. Feinberg opened the meeting by congratulating Mr. Klass, the coaches and the Wilson Area High School football team on returning to the state championship football game.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Jeffrey Zettlemoyer, West Easton Borough Manager/Secretary, providing sight distances at the intersection of Center Street and Freemansburg Avenue through a letter from Donald Frederickson. The Borough of West Easton is requesting a change in traffic flow on Center Street to one way in a southerly direction.

2. A letter was receive from Amy Riddle Montgomery, Borough Engineer, reviewing Payment Request #1 submitted by Nimaris Construction, LP for work completed on the parking lot. Additions to the original bid are as follows: \$2,176.00 for the import of topsoil, \$7,525.00 for the rock required to be removed for storm sewer and light pier installation, and \$245.00 for a concrete step added at the southwestern end of the parking lot to transition to the existing sidewalk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected by Judge Koury were \$7,711.38.
2. Mayor Perruso has received complaints about a hedge fence at Hillside Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. The hedge obstructs the view of vehicles wishing to pull out onto S. 25th Street. Mr. Minotti stated that the Zoning Ordinance requires that a clear view for traffic must be provided. Mr. Corriere added that there is another fence there too that is a problem. Mr. Nixon stated that the problem is compounded by drivers not assisting others. Parking is a problem in the area, but is not providing any additional obstacles in viewing traffic.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has received a renewal notice from Lafayette Ambassador Bank for an 18 month certificate of deposit that matures on December 30, 2006. The principle value of the CD will be \$849,130.48. Ms. Lilly requested Ms. Lohrman to contact Lafayette Ambassador Bank and negotiate a renewal rate.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received a request from Chief Nace and Officer Potope for Council to increase the monthly canine rental from \$255.00 a month to \$260.00. The increase was requested for care and feeding of the canines. The only increases received thus far were for training. Mr. Minotti responded that the Borough could do an addendum and put the new rate in the corresponding paragraph.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Chief Collins requested Council to promote Greg Freyling to a part-time driver position. Motion to approve request by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

2. Mr. Starniri informed Council that Chief Collins has received certification as a Residential Electrical Inspector and a Residential Mechanical Inspector. Chief Collins requested Council to designate him to carry out this work for the Borough in lieu of using the Borough's third party inspectors. Motion to appoint Chief Collins as the Borough's Residential Electrical and Mechanical Inspector by Ms. McGinley. Second by Ms. Lilly.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti requested an Executive Session on a labor matter and for Council to deliberate on the request for a curative amendment for Eastern Comfort Living.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that MECAB would not be meeting in December. The January meeting has not yet been set.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. As the information received from West Easton Borough on the Center Street traffic pattern is incomplete, Mr. Starniri made a Motion to table the matter. Second by Ms. McGinley. Ms. Lohrman will contact West Easton and request a traffic count and a written verification of approval from PennDot.

2. The Nimaris Payment Request #1 was reviewed. Mr. McGowan questioned paying for the lighting. The invoice included paying for 50% of the parking lot lights. The electrical work has been completed, but the poles have not yet been installed. Other additions include topsoil, rock excavation and a concrete step. Motion to approve the payment request by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Reiss. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion to pay the Nimaris invoice was carried by a six to one vote.

3. Motion to increase the canine rental from \$255.00 to \$260.00 per month by Mr. Klass. Second by Ms. McGinley.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the Wilson Zoning Board had recently approved a subdivision on Victor Street. The owner of the property requesting the subdivision created his own hardship by subdividing the lot and subsequently not meeting setback requirements. The opinion of the Wilson Planning Commission and the residents of Victor Street are to deny the subdivision request. Mr. Feinberg pointed out that Borough Council can appeal the decision made by the Wilson Zoning Hearing Board. Motion to proceed with appeal the decision of the Zoning Board by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri. The appeal must be filed within 30 days. Mr. Minotti will need a copy of the Planning Commission minutes and the opinion of the Zoning Board solicitor.

2. Ms. Lilly requested that Mr. Corriere address the decision made at the Rehab committees meeting. Mr. Corriere replied that one house is in process. Jim Pasasek was the lowest bidder on the project and has been qualified to perform the work. Mr. Corriere is in process of working with a second homeowner on a project.

3. Mr. Minotti explained that the purpose of the Executive Session was for Borough Council to deliberate on the request for a Curative Amendment for Stephen J. Miga. Council reviewed the findings

of facts and law concerning the matter. Based on the deliberations held, Mr. Starniri made a Motion to deny the petition for a Curative Amendment. Second by Ms. Lilly. Affirmative votes to deny the petition were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Starniri. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Minotti added that under the law a copy of the decision will go to the applicant and Borough Council. All persons who have entered an appearance at any of the Public Hearings will receive a notice of the decision.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$190,044.25 were paid on a Motion by Ms. Lilly. Second by Ms. McGinley.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nixon made a Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Second by Ms. McGinley and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY