

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
DECEMBER 12, 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 Reiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg	James Klass
Joan A. Lilly	Dannen McGinley
James McGowan	Ronald Nixon
Bob Reiss, President	David Schug
Louis Starniri	

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 28, 2005 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Starniri.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Kelly Guadagnino from the Wilson Area High School cheerleaders informed Council that the cheerleaders had won a bid to nationals. The cheerleaders will be holding a spaghetti dinner at the community center this weekend as a fund raiser. Ms. Guadagnino inquired as to whether the Borough would be willing to waive the community center fee. Motion to waive the fee by Ms. Lilly. Second by Ms. McGinley.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that she has set up a file for the Certification of Election forms. If Council persons would like her to keep them for the Reorganization Meeting, please give them to her.

2. Ms. Lohrman has received the renewal form for the Borough Magazine subscriptions. Ms. Lohrman inquired as to who Council would like to receive the subscription. For nine or more subscriptions the price drops down to \$10.00 per subscription. Motion by Ms. McGowan for everyone to receive the magazine. Second by Ms. Lilly.

3. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the PSAB Spring Legislative Conference would be held in Grantville from March 19, 2006 through March 21, 2006. Anyone wishing to attend should let her know. Mayor Perruso added that he had won a bet with the Mayor from Montoursville after the recent victory of Wilson vs. Montoursville. The Montoursville Mayor will be wearing a Wilson t-shirt at the conference.

4. Ms. Lohrman has received correspondence from Craig Swinsburg of Easton Suburban Water Authority. The authority has received the driveway permit from PennDot for the Wood Avenue Pumping Station project.

5. A letter was received from Ron Steiner concerning parking problems on Edelman Street. Mr. Steiner works nights and there is no parking on the street because Chrin's employees take over all the street's available parking. Other residents on the street are having the same problem.

6. Ms. Lohrman was requested at the last meeting to get a price from Lehigh Valley Site Contractors, Inc. to remove the existing cross-hatch parking lines for two parking spaces. The price would be \$650.00 to remove the lines.

7. The Borough has received a letter from Actuary John Lister recommending the pension for David Rogers be increased by \$36.90 to \$775.00. Ms. Lohrman requested Council's authorization at this evenings meeting so the matter could be resolved before Mr. Rogers next pension check is due.

8. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Susanne Sheppard has resigned as the Borough Revitalization Manager effect this week. Ms. Lohrman did not know when or if she would be replaced.

9. Chief Nace has received a letter from Dal's Towing and Garage. Because of Dal's passing and the recent increase in fuel costs, Dal's will no longer be offering towing services.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso has received a request for a Handicapped Parking Sign from Ernest Poff of 23 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Nace has verified that all the conditions for the handicapped spot have been met.
2. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected by Magistrate Koury were \$5,471.50.
3. A thank you letter was requested to be sent to Dal's Towing.
4. Mayor Perruso informed everyone that the football team has made us so proud. Mayor Perruso is proud of the community and the way the team has brought us together. Ms. McGinley inquired about having a parade for the team. Motion to hold a parade for the team by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Nixon. Mayor Perruso, Ms. McGinley, Chief Nace and Mr. Reiss will work on putting the parade together.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman has prepared the final 2006 budget. Council has received the budget in their packets.
2. Ms. Lohrman has received a request from P.J. Lehman, Inc. to appoint their firm as the engineer for the bridge project in the year 2006.
3. Ms. Lohrman received notification from Sara Pandl that Victor Rodite was retiring at the end of the year from the company. Ms. Pandl has formed her own firm, Pandl & Associates. The Borough has received a new contract with the same costs from Pandl & Associates. Ms. Lohrman requested Council to ratify the new contract.
4. Ms. Lohrman has spoken to Mr. Drake regarding Firmstone Street. Mr. Drake was to have met with someone about the street last Friday, but the meeting got cancelled because of the snow storm. Mr. Drake has rescheduled the meeting for this week and he will be prepared to discuss the matter at the December 19, 2005 Council meeting.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri requested a Caucus at the end of the meeting, but prior to adjournment.

##### POLICE:

None

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. McGowan felt the Public Works department had done a fine job with the snow.
2. Mr. Reiss reminded everyone that the Borough has an ordinance which states that one cannot put anything in a parking place to save a spot. Chief Nace and Mayor Perruso have both been receiving complaints about the practice. Mr. McGowan suggested using the one side parking while the other side is plowed. If the cars are removed and the office notified, Public Works will plow the street to the curb.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. None

##### SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti had received the amendment to the Fire contract amending the shift assignments for the day shift. The union has already signed off on the agreement. Chief Collins explained that one of the fire fighters will be working three weekdays and weekends. This practice will be rotated between the two fire fighters. Anyone bidding on day shift in the future will have to follow with the schedule amendment. Motion to have the proper signers execute the contract amendment by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri.
2. Mr. Minotti has received the agreement with Antonian Towers in regards to the payment in lieu of taxes. Motion to approve the agreement by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Feinberg.
3. Mr. Minotti has received a letter from our insurance carrier representing the Borough in Johnson vs the Borough of Wilson requesting representation at a pretrial conference on January 5, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in District Court in Philadelphia. Someone with settlement authority is to attend. Motion to authorize a representative from Minotti & DeEsch to attend the conference by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that there would not be a December MECAB meeting. The details of the January meeting have not yet been received.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Perruso felt that Mr. Sterner had a legitimate complaint regarding the parking on Edelman Street. The employees and the rental trucks should not be parked on the street. Mr. Starniri felt that the only alternative would be to put in another permit parking zone. Mr. Klass felt the Borough should make the street for residential parking. Mr. Minotti suggested having Chief Nace look into the matter. Bud Latch suggested allowing the trucks to park across the street. Mayor Perruso responded that the privilege had been abused and parking was not longer allowed by the owners. Mr. Corriere stated that Mr. Sanguanito had approach him about removing a building for parking. The issue was tabled for further consideration.

2. Mr. Feinberg inquired as to whether it would be possible to paint over the lines on Edelman Street. Mr. Behler indicated that it could be done, but felt it should be ground off. Motion by Ms. Lilly to paint over the area, install a new sign and repaint the curb. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

3. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the handicapped parking spot requested by Mr. Poff by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

4. Motion to approve the 2006 budget by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri. Mr. Reiss stated that the budget did not include a tax increase.

5. Motion to appoint P.J. Lehman, Inc. as our engineer for the 24<sup>th</sup> Street bridge project by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

6. Motion to ratify the contract with Pandl & Associates by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Lilly.

7. Firmstone Street matter is deferred to the December 19, 2005 Council meeting.

8. Ms. Lilly felt that the fees had significantly increased from Boucher & James. Mr. Reiss felt they were reasonable. Motion to approve Boucher & James as the Borough's engineer by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Klass.

9. Motion to approve the COLA for David Rogers by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance 727 – EMST. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. Ordinance 727 passed by a nine to zero vote.

2. Ordinance 728 – Zoning Amendment to Establish for Planned Residential Development. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. A negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Ordinance 728 passed by an eight to one vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1126 – 2006 Salary Resolution. Ms. Lilly did not feel that a 4% increase for non-union employees was justified. Ms. Lohrman inquired whether she was including full time and part time employees in her statement. Ms. Lilly felt that only one or two employees deserved the 4% increase. Mr. Starniri felt that the Borough was doing as well as it is because of the employees and everyone should have the increase. Motion to approve Resolution 1126 by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Klass. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. A negative vote was cast by Ms. Lilly. Resolution 1126 passed by an eight to one vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$52,719.43 were paid on a Motion by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Second by Mr. Nixon and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY