

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
DECEMBER 18, 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	Daneen McGinley
James McGowan (Late)	Bob Reiss
David Schug	Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Ron Nixon

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Chief Richard Nace
Superintendent Greg Drake

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 11, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Ms. Lilly.
Second by Ms. McGinley.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Lisa Guth and Helen Remaly from the Wilson Borough Civic Association presented the awards for the 2006 Christmas House Decorating Contest. The winners were as follows:
Best ½ Double (tie) – Candace Keck, 20 N. Wright Street
Best ½ Double (tie) – Mathew Cascioli, 1948 Ferry Street
Best Single – Kim Miller, 33 N. Wright Street
Best Nativity – Alexander Ravitsky, 2224 Front Street
Best Business – Josephine Rush, 2120 Northampton Street
Overall – Harreen Giebler, 156 S. 18th Street
Best ½ Double Decorated Alike – Bonnie Scarponi, 1823 Fairview Avenue and Joseph Pauser,
1821 Fairview Avenue

Ms. Guth added that the lights in the Borough were beautiful this year.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Borough Council thanked Mr. Klass, a Wilson High School Assistant Football Coach and an unsung contributor, on a fine season.
2. Ms. Lohrman has received an email from Daneen McGinley. Ms. McGinley has purchased a home outside the Borough and will be resigning from Council effective December 31, 2006. It saddens her deeply to have to leave.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso expressed his sadness on Ms. McGinley leaving Council. She will be missed.
2. Mayor Perruso informed Council that he was never so proud to be Mayor of Wilson Borough than he was on Saturday after the football won the state championship. Mayor Perruso thanked the community and the various fire departments and Suburban Rescue for their participation in the parade. Mayor Perruso will always be proud of the team's accomplishments.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman presented Council with the final draft of the 2007 budget.
2. Ms. Lohrman contacted Lafayette Ambassador Bank regarding the renewal of the 18 Month CD which matures on December 30, 2006. The renewal rate for 12 months would be 4.88% with an APY of 5.00% and the 18 month rate would be 4.64% with an APY of 4.75%. The renewal amount is \$849,130.48. Motion by Mr. Klass to renew the CD in the maturity amount for a 12 month period. Second by Ms. Lilly.
3. Ms. Lohrman has received a request from the Public Works Department to dispose of the old Suburban sitting at the Public Works garage. The vehicle was bid out last year, but no bids were

received. The vehicle no longer runs. Motion by Mr. Starniri to junk the Suburban. Second by Mr. Klass.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

None

POLICE:

1. Chief Nace informed Council that the highest bidder of the Police vehicle that had been out for bid still has not picked the vehicle up. He was to have come last week, but never came.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

SOLICITOR:

1. Mr. Minotti has completed the addendum to the dog lease effective immediately.

MECAB:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that there would not be a MECAB meeting until January.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg has received the addendum to the Public Works contract concerning the wage increase to 6% in 2007 for the employees in the agreement. Mr. Reiss questioned about whether the entire contract was open for negotiation. Mr. Feinberg responded that according to the contract that only the wage portion of the contract could be opened. Motion by Mr. Starniri to execute the addendum to the Public Works agreement. Second by Mr. Klass.

2. Motion by Mr. Reiss to approve the 2007 budget as presented. Second by Ms. McGinley.

3. Mr. Feinberg requested a Caucus on the wage resolution and a personnel matter.

4. Motion by Ms. Lilly to accept the Daneen McGinley's resignation from Council and to advertise for a replacement from the 2nd Ward. Second by Mr. Schug.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Feinberg highlighted the information concerning the meeting between the engineers from the Larry O'Neill project, PennDot, Amy Riddly Montgomery and Wilson Borough. The meeting focused on the proposed traffic pattern surrounding the project area. PennDot has requested the engineers rerun calculations for a separate right turn lane at S. 25th Street and Freemansburg Avenue turning east. There will not be a traffic signal at Miller Street and Freemansburg Avenue. A short discussion was held on the traffic pattern at Hillside Avenue. Mr. Feinberg explained that the traffic pattern has not been set. PennDot wishes to see the revised calculations on the aforementioned items. Mr. Minotti suggested the Borough decide what they might wish to do shortly. The property owner on Hillside Avenue does not want to sell a corner of their property to Mr. O'Neill. Most of the property adjacent to the development on Hillside Avenue is owned by the Borough. Ms. Lohrman will supply Borough Council with the minutes of the PennDot meeting and Minutes from the last meeting when the O'Neill engineers were at a Borough Council meeting. Mr. Minotti added that the paperwork for the land trade deal had been sent, but it has not been executed.

2. Deborah Hoyer of 1124 Stewart Street appeared before Council concerning a call she had received from Mr. Corriere about her fence. Ms. Hoyer explained that she was allowed to put up a 6 foot fence in her backyard. Mr. Corriere had staked out where the fence was to be placed. Ms. Hoyer inquired whether there really had been complaints about her fence obstructing the vision of drivers. Council

responded in the affirmative. Mayor Perruso added that the problem was compounded by drivers being in a rush. Mr. Minotti inquired as to whether or not the Zoning Ordinance contained provisions for clear sight lines. Council advised Ms. Hoyer not to move the fence until after the decision is finalized on the traffic pattern on Hillside Avenue. Mayor Perruso questioned Chief Nace about the legalities of parking in and obstructing the alley.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 1146 – 2007, Salaries, Wages, Sick Leave, Vacation, Holidays. After a Caucus, Mr. Klass made a Motion to increase the salaries to a 6% raise over the 2006 salaries for the full-time non-uniform employees, i.e., the Secretary/Manager, Borough Clerk, Public Works Superintendent, Assistant Public Works Superintendent, the Borough Mechanic, the Code Enforcement Officer and the Police Clerk. Ms. Lilly strongly objected as no one is giving 6% salary increases. Council does not realize what the economy was. It was questioned as to why Public Works was given a five year contract instead of a three year contact. Mr. Feinberg responded that it would save negotiating time and the possible salary negotiation in the final year was incentive to acquire a longer contract. Second by Mr. Reiss. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Reiss and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes were cast by: Ms. Lilly, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Schug. Motion carried by a five to three vote.

Ms. Lilly did not feel the part-time employees were entitled to a 4% salary increase. Ms. Lilly made a Motion for the part-time employees not to receive a salary increase at all. Second by Mr. McGowan. Affirmative votes were cast by: Ms. Lilly and Mr. McGowan. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. Motion was defeated by a six to two vote.

Ms. Lilly made a second Motion to approve a 2% raise for the part-time employees. Second by Mr. Klass. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly, and Mr. McGowan. Negative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug, and Mr. Starniri. Motion was defeated by a five to three vote.

Ms. Lohrman requested Council to approve Resolution 1146 with the aforementioned changes and to amend the 2007 budget to reflect the changes in Resolution 1146. Motion to approve Ms. Lohrman's request by Mr. Reiss. Second by Ms. McGinley. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Klass, Ms. McGinley, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Reiss, Mr. Schug and Mr. Starniri. A Negative vote was cast by Ms. Lilly. Motion carried by a seven to one vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$29,544.96 were paid on a Motion by Mr. McGowan including an authorization to pay the Waste Management invoice when received. Second by Ms. McGinley.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. McGinley made a Motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Second by Mr. Klass and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY