

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
MAY 22, 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. 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
Bob Reiss	David Schug
Louis Starniri	

ABSENT:

None

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 8, 2006 Council Meeting were approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Schug.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY PERSONS PRESENT:

1. Gail McClenaghan of 413 Fox Circle appeared before Council to explain a problem she had when she applied for a pool pass. Ms. McClenaghan had been obtaining a family pass for her mother, herself and her daughter. When applying for the passes, Ms. Guth told her that she and her daughter could have a family pass, but her mother would have to have a senior pass. Ms. McClenaghan felt that she was being discriminated against and if this was the Borough's policy why it wasn't posted at the pool. She requested a refund and be allowed a family pass as she had in the past. Mr. Klass explained that the Borough considers a "family" those who would qualify to be under the same insurance policy. This is not a change in policy. The policy is now being followed. He agreed that in this day and age that a family unit is not the same as it had been considered in the past. Mr. Klass invited Council's recommendation for how pool passes should be set up in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. An email was received from Bill Concolino informing the Borough that National Night Out was to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Senator Wonderling was interested in knowing what activities we might have planned for this year's event.

2. Mr. Reiss has received a letter from the Department of Community and Economic Development informing the Borough that our HOME application was unable to be funded at this time. Our application will be carried over for first round 2006 HOME funding consideration. In order to receive the further consideration, the application needs to address the targeting, leveraging and impact criteria established for the HOME Program in January 2006. Ms. Pandl has also received the letter and is aware of the new criteria.

3. The County's Department of Children, Youth & Families Division has requested the use of the pavilion areas and field in Meuser Park on September 9, 2006. The Northampton County Foster Parent Association would like to have a safety picnic for foster parents and children. The demonstration will include safety awareness and a dog agility demonstration. Ms. Lohrman added that the organization held the event at Meuser Park last year without any problems.

4. A letter was received from the DCNR reminding the Borough that our Rails-to-Trails Grant Agreement expires on June 30, 2006. It is now time to complete the project or request a Grant Agreement extension, which may be possible.

5. The Avona Volunteer Fire Company has requested the use of Meuser Park on July 24, 2006 for their annual Pig Roast. The roast will be held from noon to 7:00 p.m. They will be arriving to set up from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. The Avona Fire Company will supply an insurance rider and a copy of their liquor license.

6. A letter of resignation was received from Police Officer Jason Hillis. Officer Hillis has accepted a management position within a family owned business in the private sector.

7. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the Steven J Public hearing will be held on May 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Minotti informed Council that Attorney McClain may not be able to make it to the hearing on Thursday. If there is a problem and the hearing needs to be rescheduled, Mr. Minotti will let Ms. Lohrman know tomorrow morning. Mr. Minotti will get waivers on the notice of time limitations from Mr. McClain if the hearing is postponed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that the total fines collected from Magistrate Koury was \$6,481.47.

2. Mayor Perruso felt that as Officer Hillis has resigned and the Civil Service Commission has a list for Police, the committee of Chief Nace, Mayor Perruso, and Mr. Starniri should interview the top three candidates and make a recommendation to Council. The committee should stay after the meeting and set up a date and time for the interviews.

3. Chief Nace informed Council that he and Mr. Drake had a brief discussion about the Firmstone Street parking situation. Mr. Drake had suggested widening the Borough side of the street to make the street accessible to two cars with no parking on the east side of the street towards the alley. Mr. Klass stated that "No Parking" signs are posted on the street, but are not enforced by the Police. Ms. Lilly inquired about the street dedication. Ms. Lohrman replied that Mr. Minotti had requested back in January that Mr. Bogusky have his attorney prepare that Deed of Dedication papers. Ms. Lohrman has not received the papers. Mr. Minotti responded that he had not either. Mr. Minotti will contact Mr. Bogusky's attorney about the deed paperwork.

4. Mayor Perruso inquired about the status of the camera bid. Two bids were received, but Council has not accepted either one. Mr. McGowan questioned what the bids were for. Mayor Perruso stated that the security cameras had been discussed on several occasions, bids were put out, and the bids were opened. Mayor Perruso requested some movement be made to bring the project to completion.

5. Mayor Perruso and Mr. McGowan attended a recent COG meeting where Freemansburg Borough had made a request that they be permitted to join the organization. Motion by Mr. Reiss to allow Freemansburg to join the COG. Second by Mr. Starniri. Mayor Perruso requested a letter be sent to the COG notifying them that Wilson had approved Freemansburg's request.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the quotes she received for the three certificate of deposits coming due at Lafayette Ambassador Bank on May 26, 2006. The quotes for one year were as follows:

Lafayette Ambassador Bank – 1 year APY 5.20% Rate 5.07%

PLGIT – 1 year 5.21%

Sovereign Bank – 1 year 5.37%

Merchants National Bank of Bangor - APY 4.65% Rate 4.55%

Invest Program – 1 year 5.14%

Ms. Lohrman noted that Lafayette and Merchants would allow withdraws without penalty as long as the Borough was not investing the funds for a higher rate. Ms. Lohrman also reviewed PLGIT's daily special program.

2. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Parks committee and Mayor Perruso and Mr. McGowan had met with Amy Montgomery and Frank Monti from Boucher & James regarding Fisk field. Ms. Lohrman handed out two drawings of the field placements. Mr. Monti had suggested having two studies completed at Fisk field; a subsurface investigation and a proposal for fill evaluation. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the scope of work to be completed. The fee for the subsurface investigation is \$3,500.00 and the fee for the fill evaluation is \$2,800.00. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the unit costs. The total cost of the field construction is estimated to be between \$600,000.00 and \$900,000.00. Ms. Lohrman has discussed grant possibilities with Sara Pandl. Ms. Pandl has spoken to our DCNR representative. The community partnership grants fund to \$300,000.00. It requires a 50% match of current funds that may not have already been spent. The application deadline is in September. The Borough would not hear if they've been approved until Spring or Summer of 2007. Ms. Pandl is awaiting information from the County. She believes they have a matching grant program requiring a 25% match. Mr. Minotti hoped that the Borough was getting other bids rather than accepting the proposal from SOR Consulting Engineers. Mayor Perruso did not feel that analysis needed to be done on the dirt for the parking lot. Mayor Perruso agreed that certain standards should be met for the field construction. Mr. Klass felt that the cost of the field construction was outrageous. Ms. Lilly stated that a large portion of the cost of the field was bringing in the soil. Mr. Klass felt the Borough should get a second opinion. Mr. Klass suggested putting the proposals on hold and volunteered to speak to the school district to see what procedures they used to construct the field at the middle school. Mr. Klass will set up a meeting with the committee.

3. Ms. Lohrman has received information on a Community Conservation Partnership Program 2006 Pre-Application Workshop in Allentown on May 30, 2006. Ms. Pandl will be attending and suggested someone from Rec Board or Council also attend. If anyone is interested, they were instructed to contact Ms. Lohrman.

4. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Ms. Montgomery has forwarded the plans for the Safe Routes to School program to PennDot for approval. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the Borough had placed \$11,279.00 in CDBG 2005 for the construction of the Safe Routes to School program.

5. Ms. Lohrman has prepared Resolution 1134 – Increasing the Towing and Storage Fees of Any

Vehicle Removed and Impounded under the Authority of Ordinance No. 581 that Council had passed with amendments. In the process of changing the fees, Ms. Lohrman discovered that she also had to add an additional paragraph concerning the service fees. After discussing the matter with Mr. Minotti, Ms. Lohrman requested Council to ratify the changes. Motion to ratify Resolution 1134 with the changes by Ms. Lilly. Second by Mr. Reiss.

6. Ms. Lohrman reviewed the memo from S C Engineers, Inc. concerning the Act 537 Special Study requested by the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority. The authority intends to complete a comprehensive wastewater flow monitoring program in its service area. There are two options to complete the work. Each member municipality could perform the work themselves or they could authorize the Authority to complete the work on their behalf. Mr. McGowan explained that when it rains, the flow of water into the system doubles. The Authority has been monitoring the system again this spring for infiltration. Some work has been completed in several areas of the Borough. Mr. Klass suggested waiting until the Authority schedules the individual meeting to discuss the specific details of the project and has they relate to our municipality. Mr. Klass would also like to see who the Authority will allow the Borough to use to perform the study.

7. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the Borough has received a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission in conjunction with Lehigh and Northampton Counties. Any Council members interested in reviewing the draft should she her.

8. Ms. Lohrman has received information from PSAB concerning cable franchising legislation that may be enacted by the federal and state government. A sample resolution is contained in the packet of information.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

#### FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri has received information from Chief Collins regarding a workshop for Senior Officials at LCCC on June 22, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop is for CBRNE and Terrorism Incident Preparedness. Chief Collins will be attending. If anyone else is interested, please see Ms. Lohrman or Chief Collins.

2. Mr. Starniri informed Council that the last person hired in the Fire department has resigned due to employment outside the county. Chief Collins has requested permission to hire Andrew Amante of 2206 Forest Street as a part time hoseman. Motion to hire Mr. Amante by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Nixon.

#### POLICE:

1. Chief Nace informed Council that there is a 15 minute parking sign in front of the Wilson Deli on the same pole as a LANTA bus stop sign. Customers of the Deli will not park in the parking area because of the LANTA sign. Ms. Lohrman spoke to LANTA about moving the sign. LANTA was to check out the sign and get back to Ms. Lohrman if the sign could be moved. Ms. Lohrman has not gotten a response. Ms. Lohrman will contact LANTA again.

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

None

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Another discussion occurred about the pool passes and what constitutes a family pass. If problems persist, the only alterative would be to only sell individual passes. Mr. Klass is looking for suggestions from Council.

2. Mr. Klass informed Council that the pool was opening this weekend. The facility is looking good. Ms. Guth has passed the Food Handlers Certification. Mr. Klass offered Ms. Guth assistance to the Rec Board for the refreshment stand. Ms. Lilly was directed to discuss details with Mr. Klass.

3. Ms. Guth will be assisting handling the alarms this summer. Ms. Guth has also been selling pool passes the last two weekends. As Ms. Guth is not a salaried employee, Mr. Klass made a Motion to compensate Ms. Guth out of the pool budget for her time. Second by Mr. Reiss. 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. Motion carried by an eight to one vote. All overtime will be approved by Mr. Klass, Ms. Lilly or Ms. Lohrman beforehand.

4. The alarm situation at the pool was discussed. Mr. Klass will keep an eye on the matter. The alarm company will be contacted if the false alarms persist.

5. The Civil Service Commission will be holding an Officers Exam for the Fire Department on June 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

6. Mr. Behler informed Council that the tennis court reconstruction began today. The work should be completed in a week.

7. Mr. Behler stated that the pump in the Olympic pool had been going in and out, but it seemed to be working now.

SOLICITOR:

None

MECAB:

1. Mr. McGowan reminded Council that the MECAB tour will be on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Mr. McGowan. The cost is \$15.00 which includes dinner. The tour will include Monroe County.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Gruver indicated that BlockWatch would not be interested in holding National Night Out. Ms. Lohrman thought that the Civic Association may be interested. Ms. Lohrman will discuss the matter with Ms. Guth.

2. Motion to approve the request to hold the event sponsored by the County's Children, Youth & Families Division this year by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Starniri.

2. Ms. Lohrman was directed to send the DCNR a letter requesting an extension to the Bike Path Grant Agreement. Ms. Lohrman will forward a copy of Ordinance No. 730 with the letter.

3. Motion to approve the request by the Avona Fire Company to hold a Pig Roast in Meuser Park by Mr. Reiss. Second by Mr. Starniri.

4. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the resignation of Jason Hillis. Second by Ms. Lilly. Ms. Lohrman was requested to send a letter to Officer Hillis.

5. Motion by Mr. McGowan to renew the CD funds with Lafayette Ambassador Bank for a term of one year. Second by Ms. Lilly.

6. Mr. Feinberg agreed to proceed going forth with a grant for Fisk field.

7. Mr. Klass will work on the questionnaire with the assistance of Ms. Lohrman.

8. Motion by Mr. Reiss to have Ms. Lohrman prepare a cable franchise resolution as outlined by PSAB for the next Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Perruso mentioned to Council that the handicapped area adjacent to the community center is very dark. Mr. Behler was directed to look into getting some kind of additional lighting in the area.

2. Ms. Lohrman reminded Council that the June 12, 2006 was postponed and the next Council meeting would be held on June 26, 2006.

ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 730 – Condemnation of Weis Markets, Inc. Property. 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 No. 730 passed by a nine to zero vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$129,879.82 were paid on a Motion by Ms. McGinley. Second by Mr. Starniri.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Lilly made a Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Mr. Nixon and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A. LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY