

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
July 9, 2018

The first meeting of July 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 Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Russell Lipari via phone  
John Burke  
Justin Woodring  
Tony Verenna

Scott Palinkas  
Jeffrey Bracken  
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT: David Jones and James McGowan

Mayor Barrett advised all in attendance that they are being recorded with both video and audio.

Also present were: Police Chief Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Sipel, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Code Officer Paul Corriere, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Borough Manager Jill Garcia.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. Palinkas to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Daniel Redington of the Mary Meuser Library asked to reschedule a concert that had been canceled due to weather.

Odesch Odyssey of 1531 Washington Street requested Washington Street be closed between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street on July 21, 2018; rain date July 28, 2018 for a block party. A motion made by Mr. Burke to approve the street closure. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

The Center for Animal Health and Welfare requested the use of Meuser Park and its pavilions on September 8, 2018 for their annual Paws for a Cause free of charge. A motion made by Mr. Palinkas to approve the use of the park and pavilions at no charge. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

A second request from The Center for Animal Health and Welfare is to have a beer garden at their event. Council President Mr. Verenna advised to make the request in writing and Council will have the Solicitor review the request.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a request from the residents of the 2100 Block of Hay Street to close the block for their block party on August 11, 2018 from 11am to 10 pm. A motion made by Mr. Woodring to approve the closure. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved. Mr. Lipari abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna thanked Mr. Burke for a job well done at the Wilson Baseball Tournament.

Mr. Verenna appointed the following individuals to the Ethics Committee: Justin Woodring, Jeffrey Bracken and Pamela Taylor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett spoke to Penn Dot in reference to making a left hand turn in the east bound lane of Butler Street into the Harbor Freight parking lot and was informed it is a legal turn. When Penn dot completed the striping along that section they did not make the correct markings.

Mayor Barrett would like to have the bike storage cleaned out and give the bikes in decent shape away to children in the Borough. Solicitor Margle will draft a waiver for parents to sign when receiving the bike. A date for the event will be decided at a later time.

Mayor Barrett would like the Borough to accept \$50 donations to cover the cost of the new rolling stop signs. A motion made by Mr. Bracken to accept the donations. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Barrett advised the speed limit in the Borough is 35mph unless otherwise posted.

Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Drake, Public Works Director, about replacing a memorial tree at Jeffrey Field. Mr. Drake advised two trees have died in that particular spot due to overcrowding of larger trees in the same area.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested permission to meet with Big Pixel studios to create a new Borough website. The Northampton County Gaming Authority Grant funds can be used for this project. A motion made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously agreed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

##### POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested a motion to make an offer of employment to Steven Searfoss and Eric Smith as a Part-time Officers pending physical and drug screening. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to approve the offer of employment. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously agreed.

##### FIRE:

Chief Sipel received a request from a resident that needs to fulfill community service requirements and would like to volunteer at the Fire Department. Ms. Garcia advised that the Borough's workman's comp insurance will not cover volunteers. Solicitor Margle will research and get back to Council.

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake asked council to allow him to designate the road that comes out onto Freemansburg Ave and S 21<sup>st</sup> Street be made one way for a one month trial period due to some near miss incidents and accidents. A motion made by Mr. Bracken to approve. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Drake would like Council to know that the parking lot by Avona elementary school is the Borough's responsibility to maintain outside of the school year due to an agreement made between the school and the Borough. Solicitor Margle requested to review the agreement.

Mr. Drake requested permission to bid on a 1993 Ford 6610 tractor with boom mower capping the bid at \$24,000. A new mower like this would cost about \$180,000 per Mr. Drake. A motion by Mr. Palinkas to approve the bid. Second by Mr. Woodring.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Ms. Garcia advised the ground penetrating radar report advises there are no sink holes found at Meuser Pool. The next step is to have the feasibility study completed. A motion made by Mr. Palinkas to approve the feasibility study. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously agreed.

##### ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised that had written a letter to Council in reference to the property in the Borough that was appraised and tabled discussion for a caucus when all Council members are present.

##### COG:

NONE

##### MECAB:

Off for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion made by Mr. Burke to approve Junior Councilman upon Ms. Garcia ensuring the applications and approval process conforms to PSAB. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Taylor advised she received a request to plant a memorial tree at Meuser Park. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to approve. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Drake advised that the damaged pole on 24<sup>th</sup> Street has had all the wires removed.

Mr. Drake advised MetEd is trimming trees in the Borough.

ORDINANCES:

Solicitor Margle requested Council's permission to advertise Ordinance # 789. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills in the amount of \$139,994.98 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 9:33 pm. Second by Mr. Verenna and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER