

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 10, 2018

The first meeting of September 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:

Scott Palinkas
James McGowan
Jeffrey Bracken
Tony Verenna

John Burke
Justin Woodring
Russ Lipari
David Jones

ABSENT: Pamela Taylor

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 Joseph 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. McGowan to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

Mr. Lipari requested a change to the minutes to reflect a correction to the percentage of rental properties in the Borough. Mayor Barrett previously stated the Borough is sixty five percent rental properties. Mr. Lipari discussed this number with Chief Sipel, the Code Officer and Richard Wamsley and the correct number of rentals in the Borough is twenty nine percent.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna reminded Council and Department Managers the next budget meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on September 24, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised Solicitor Margle is still researching moratorium on rental properties.

Mayor Barrett advised Chief Sipel proposed starting with a small area of the Borough that Council would like to address Code issues. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the proposal. Second by Mr. Bracken. The motion was approved with a five to three vote. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Verenna. No votes cast by Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised there are several Board vacancies. Civil Service has two open spots, Police pension has 1 open spot and Zoning Board has 1 open spot. Ms. Garcia advised to please have anyone interested in applying contact her.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised the department will be conducting training on September 18, 2018 at Easton Hospital along with Palmer and Easton Police Departments.

Chief Meehan advised Charlene Laureigh resigned from the Civil Service Commission.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel advised not having a full Civil Service Commission does not allow him to promote or hire.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake explained to Council that the John Deere tractor Public Works wanted is going to have a \$15,000 increase next year, per the John Deere Dealership. Mr. Drake requested prices on smaller equipment and was given a quote of \$82,589 for a tractor. Mr. Drake advised he is proposing this now due to a \$60,000 rise in cost between this year and next year. Mr. Drake proposed taking the four payment plan of \$20,000 each therefore saving \$18,000 by doing so.

Mr. Drake thanked Mr. Palinkas for getting free mulch for the Public Works Department.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Palinkas advised the Fisk Field refreshment stand has been rewired.

Mr. Palinkas advised the 2020 Committee vendor contracts have been sent.

Mr. Verenna asked Mr. Palinkas to please have the Recreation Board treasurer's report for the next Council meeting.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he was contacted by the Director of Distribution for the Express Times, who requested a meeting. Solicitor Margle will inform Council of how the Express Times plans to rectify the situation as advertising materials being thrown throughout the Borough.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

Next meeting will be held September 26, 2018 in Wilson Borough.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Palinkas requested a time table for the Code system updates.

Mr. Burke requested a time table for the new website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Barrett advised trick-or-treat night in the Borough will October 31, 2018 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 7:35 p.m. and exited at 8:02 p.m. The purpose of this Caucus was to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Burke made a motion authorizing signature of agreement discussed in Caucus by Council President and Borough Manager. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills in the amount of \$89,356.44 paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Bracken. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Burke and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER