

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 24, 2018

The second 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

ABSENT: Pamela Taylor and David Jones

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

Also present were: Police Sergeant Marc Crisafulli, 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 September 10, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Barbara Hawk of 833 S. 24th Street thanked Council for addressing her complaints.

Marcella Sos of 1631 Ferry Street thanked Paul Corriere for addressing the issue she presented to Council previously.

Cindy Rosenkranz of 2412 Hay Street advised she was presented with a letter in reference to dismissing members of The Recreation Board. Ms. Rosenkranz wanted to know why she was presented with the letter when it was not addressed to her. Solicitor Margle advised the letter was part of a procedure for researching legal issues. Mr. Palinkas advised the letter or any issues with the letter must be discussed at a Recreation Board meeting, not Council. Mayor Barrett requested a copy of all the Recreation Board minutes from August 2016 to present.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Luann Shive expressing interest in becoming secretary for the Recreation Board. This has been tabled until the next council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna reminded Council and Department Managers the next budget meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on October 8, 2018

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett asked Mr. Corriere for an update on the Billboard/Scoreboard. Mr. Corriere advised Lamar is preparing new drawings.

Mayor Barrett asked what a resident should do if they are moving and have TV's to throw away. Ms. Garcia advised to have them call Waste Management At Your Door service. They will take one TV per pick up scheduled.

Mayor Barrett advised the Football Board needs a Certificate of Insurance from Recreation Board so an EMT can be present at the football games. Mr. Palinkas advised he would get a copy to Mr. Barrett.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the Fire Department Contract is completed. Mr. Lipari made a motion to accept the terms of the new contract. Second by Mr. Bracken. The motion was passed with a five to two vote. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No votes were cast by Mr. McGowan and Mr. Palinkas.

Ms. Garcia advised the cost to conduct a traffic study at 21st Street and Iron Street will cost approximately \$1100. This item has been tabled until the next council meeting.

Ms. Garcia advised she prepared and needs a motion to approve three MMOs (Minimum Municipal Obligations). The Pensions are fully funded by the State Aid and do not come out of the Borough's budget. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve all three MMO letters. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Sergeant Crisafulli asked Council's permission to make a formal offer of employment to Samira Sabbagh as a part-time Police Officer and a conditional offer of employment, pending background investigation to Tyler Smith as a part-time Police Officer. A motion made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel asked Council's permission to hire Tyler Keifer as a part-time Firefighter. A motion made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

Chief Sipel asked if a decision has been made in reference to the Chaplin. Solicitor Margle advised the recommendation of the Borough's insurance provider suggests the Borough hire the Chaplin as a part-time employee to be fully covered. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to hire the Chaplin as a part-time employee. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No votes were cast by Mr. McGowan and Mr. Palinkas.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Garcia opened a sealed bid for the Front Street paving project. The bid was from Bracalente Construction for \$159,360. A motion to reject the bid was made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

Mr. Verenna would like to have the project re-bid and advertise just scope of work to avoid the need for a pre-bid meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Palinkas asked for the Borough's yearly contribution check that is given to the recreation board. The Board needs to order new soccer and basketball uniforms. A discussion ensued and Mr. Verenna requested a copy of all the treasurer's reports before the funds are distributed.

Mr. Lipari advised the next pool committee meeting will be held on October 15, 2018 at 5pm in Council chambers.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he has a phone call scheduled with Mr. Reibman.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

Next meeting will be held September 26, 2018 in Wilson Borough. Mr. Drake will be teaching First Aid.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 8:10 p.m. and exited at 8:42 p.m. The purpose of this Caucus was to discuss personnel matters.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$130,360.60. A motion by Mr. Verenna to pay the bills with the exception of Recreation Board disbursement check in the amount of \$12,500 until treasurer's and audit reports have been received, bringing the total bill amount to \$117,860.60. Second by Mr. Bracken. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Second by Mr. Burke and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER