

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
April 10, 2017

The First Meeting of April 2017 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:

Louis Starniri  
Tony Verenna  
James McGowan  
Daniel Schaffer

Scott Palinkas  
David Jones

ABSENT:

Pamela Taylor  
Leonard Feinberg

Russell Lipari

Also present were: Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Code Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. McGowan. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Don Meadows and Mr. Jim Smith of Calvary Baptist Church were present to request Council's permission to use Meuser Park and pavilions for their annual vacation bible school the week of June 19-23. Fees will be waived and requesters were advised they will need to obtain event insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming Wilson Borough, Wilson Borough Council and Employees as additional insureds. Motion by Mr. Palinkas to allow use of facilities with fees waived. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Sandra Martin-Rice of 2029 Ealer Avenue spoke regarding problems with her neighbor (rental) at 2031 Ealer Avenue. Ms. Martin-Rice had submitted a right to know to get the property owners home address. This request was denied by the Borough. Solicitor Margle explained to Ms. Martin-Rice that her attorney should be able to locate the information requested for her private civil action. Any code violations should be submitted to Mr. Corriere. Ms. Martin-Rice said the police won't take reports and file disruptive conduct reports. Chief Parkansky explained that when a call is received there is report made but domestic situations do not fall under the disruptive conduct rule. For the majority of calls to this property, there is nothing occurring when police arrive. Chief Parkansky will meet with Ms. Martin-Rice and provide report copies.

Mr. Palinkas passed on thanks from Jennifer Dutko-Miller for allowing use of and waiving fees for the Community Center for her MS Spaghetti Dinner. It was a successful event. Ms. Dutko-Miller added that concerning the required event insurance, she was not given enough guidance or time to obtain.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Charlie McGarvey, Physical Education Instructor at St. Jane's School was present to request permission for use of the Filbert Street Alley between 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets for physical education classes. Days will be (including rain days if needed) April 18, 19, 25 & 26 and May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 & 24. Times will be from 8:00 am until 11:00 am and 12:10 pm until 1:50 pm. St. Jane's will need to obtain event insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming Wilson Borough, Wilson Borough Council and Employees as additional insureds. Motion by Mr. Palinkas to allow use of Filbert Street. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Mr. David C. Collins, Jr. member of the Sons of the American legion at Lester Pfeffer, Post 611. Mr. Collins requested closure of South 16<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets for an outdoor cookout on May 6, 2017. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow closure of Jefferson Street only. Permission is conditional upon Mr. Collins' receiving permission by West Easton to close Jefferson Street as half of the street is located in West Easton. Mr. Collins will also need to provide event insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming Wilson Borough, Wilson Borough Council and Employees as additional insureds. Second by Mr. Jones. Council agreed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested a handicap parking space for Chris M. Dixon of 2208 Forest Street. Motion by Mr. Schaffer. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### POLICE:

None

##### FIRE:

Chief Sipel advised Council that the Borough Fire Department has been awarded \$50,000 through a Monroe County gaming grant. Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the new fire truck.

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake informed Council that the Borough will be applying for approximately \$400,000 of CDBG funding to repair roads in 2018.

Mr. Drake is also working on a grant for a new leaf box.

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to hire Trevor Jones and Tim Horan for Public Works summer help. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council concurred with Mr. Jones abstaining.

##### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Drake announced that the renovations at Liberty Park have been completed and the park is now open.

##### ATTORNEY:

None

##### COG:

None

##### MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be in Whitehall Township on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Jones reported on the feral cat issue in the Borough. He visited one of the neighborhoods with Mr. Bell the Borough's animal control agent. Many feral cats were seen in a short period of time. Mr. Jones will be working with Council and the Solicitor to change Borough Ordinances to help control the problem. Motion by Mr. Jones to have Mr. Bell start removing and relocating cats for a \$10 per cat fee. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to approve Ordinance #783 – Moving Permit Ordinance. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$144,151.30 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Schaffer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:26 pm and exited at 8:00 pm. Personnel matters and Prospective leasing of Borough Property were discussed as permitted under the Sunshine law.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise a Request for Proposals to solicit bids for a Billboard and/or Scoreboard at Fisk Field. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER