

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 22, 2017

The Second Meeting of May 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
Pamela Taylor
James McGowan
Daniel Schaffer

Russell Lipari
David Jones
Leonard Feinberg
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

None

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 May 8, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Joseph Reibman, managing partner of Wilson Park LTD (Dixie) was present to address Council regarding his intentions for the future of the Dixie property. He is actively seeking financing and has three groups who are interested in a joint venture. The current plan calls for 334 apartments and additional commercial space. The outside will be done all at once, with the inside being done in phases. Mr. Reibman said the building is very stable. The cup will be repainted, refurbished, and re-illuminated. A traffic study has been done. There should be no significant impact on the school district's student population as families are not anticipated. Apartments will be one and two bedroom and will range from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per month. Mr. Reibman will keep the Borough updated and Solicitor Margle will check with him again in approximately forty five days.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Biagio Parascandolo of 721 S. 23rd Street stated he would like to see participation in Council Meetings raised. He suggested posting meeting agendas on the Borough website so residents can look ahead to see if they are interested in attending meetings.

Mr. Justin Sykes of 931 Miller Street was present to make a formal complaint regarding Mr. Corriere, Code Officer. Mr. Sykes said he had contacted Mr. Corriere a few times in the past year because the property next to his home is not being maintained. He said Gleco Paints owns the land and they have not mowed the grass. There are rodents on the property which have entered his home and torment his dog. Mr. Sykes said he felt belittled and disrespected on his last phone call with Mr. Corriere and now feels like he can't call the office. Mr. Corriere said Gleco has plans to pave the lot to eliminate the problem. Ms. Garcia and Mr. Drake visited Gleco and advised them that they must mow the grass and clean up the lot.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested Council grant permission for a handicap parking space at 1548 Spring Garden Street, Apt B for Mr. Joseph Mcinerney. Motion by Ms. Taylor to approve. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed.

The Mayor also requested Council to appoint Ms. Winnie Howey to the Shade Tree Commission. Motion by Mr. Lipari to appoint Ms. Howey. Second by Ms. Schaffer. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia opened proposals for the Billboard RFP recently advertised by the Borough. Two proposals were received, one from Adams Outdoor Advertising and one from Lamar. Council will review the proposals and make a decision at a future date.

Ms. Garcia asked for a Council Member to accept the role of liaison to the Mary Meuser Library. There were no volunteers. Mr. Lipari offered to remain as the liaison. Ms. Garcia will notify him of upcoming meetings.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky said he had been contacted by Mr. Wagner from the School District regarding the Wilson Area Partners in Education Walk Run to be held on June 17, 2017. Mr. Wagner asked for permission to use Washington Blvd from 17th to 24th Streets. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones advised Council that the Public works committee met and held interviews for the open Public works position. Motion by Mr. Jones to hire Mr. Nicholas Kovacs pending a physical and other required testing. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred. Mr. Drake introduced Mr. Kovacs who thanked Council for the opportunity.

Mr. Drake opened the one bid received for the upcoming paving project on 24th Street. Motion to accept the bid from AMS for \$76,927.00 by Mr. Starniri, contingent upon review and confirmation that the bid meets all requirements. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed. Payment will come from the Liquid Fuel Fund.

Mr. Jones noted that negotiations on the upcoming Public Works contract will begin in July.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari said Dell's Kitchen has offered to run the concession stand at the pool this summer. They will provide a menu and prices and will need to show proof of insurance for the summer season. Motion by Mr. Jones to have Dell's Kitchen operate the pool's concession stand. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council agreed.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire life guards: Gillian Bartholomew, Janice Swiatek, Robert Swiatek, Erin Danaher and Julia Snyder pending completed background checks and certifications. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire ticket window employees: Jamie-Lynn Allen, Sadie MacArthur and Jada Watkins pending completed background checks and certifications. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes were received from the Recreation Board.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle reported there has been contact with Mr. Negrao, owner of the old bank building at 22nd and Northampton Streets to see if he may be interested in lowering his asking price.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna made a correction to the five year plan committee. Mr. Verenna will replace Mr. Palinkas.

Mr. Drake said information is being collected regarding LED street lighting. It may be possible to work into next year's budget. Ms. Garcia is working with the Borough Engineers to see if there are grants available.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$177,315.03 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Schaffer. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered in Caucus at 8:10 pm and exited at 8:19 pm. Personnel matters were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER