

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
June 12, 2017

The First Meeting of June 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:

James McGowan
Tony Verenna
Russell Lipari

David Jones
Leonard Feinberg
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri
Pamela Taylor
Daniel Schaffer

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Sonia Henely of the Wilson Midget Football Association was present to request a letter from the Borough saying the Association has permission to use Fisk Field. The Association needs such letter in order to obtain a license for small games of chance so they can do 50-50's and raffles during games. Motion by Mr. Lipari to have Ms. Garcia provide such letter. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Donald Barrett, Jr. of 725 S. 23rd Street spoke to Council to express his thanks for all who helped with Warrior Weekend. The event was a huge success.

Ms. Mary Ann Sofronie of 2415 Sycamore Street asked Council if there is an ordinance regarding neon signs in the Borough. She reported that some residents are bothered by signs at businesses being lit all night. Mr. Corriere will look into the complaints.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Elizabeth Deemer of 1550 Ferry Street. In 2018 Ms. Deemer will be leading a Girl Scout Troop and requested use of the Community Center for meetings two nights per week with fees waived. Council discussed allowing use and also how to deal with the fee for someone to open and close the Center. Request was tabled pending more discussion and possible solutions.

Ms. Garcia presented a request from Ms. Shannon Heckman of 1829 Fairview Avenue. Ms. Heckman asked for closure of the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue on July 4, 2017, from 9am to 9 pm for the block's annual 4th of July celebration. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested permission for the Via Marathon to pass through a portion of the Borough by the Children's Home. The event will be held on September 10, 2017 and they have provided event insurance. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow. Second by Mr. Jones and Council agreed.

Chief Parkansky congratulated Sergeant Meehan on his completion of Police Command Leadership training at Northwestern University with high honors.

Mr. Lipari mentioned posts he had seen on social media regarding Officer Behr's positive interactions with area residents, especially the children. He said Officer Behr is doing a fantastic job.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel reported that the new fire engine will be in service in the next day or two. He thanked Fire Fighter Donald Hockman for doing some of the work to get the truck in service, saving the Borough a good deal of money.

Chief Sipel asked for permission to donate 700 feet of 5" scrap hose to the area's Career Institute of Technology for practice. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow the donation. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council agreed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire life guards: Tara Stahlecker, Ryan Grelle, Cosmo Cardone and KayLynn Weikel pending completed background checks and certifications. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire cleaning crew: James Goodman and Jada Samoy Grant pending completed background checks and certifications. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Lipari noted that attendance at the pool has been good and there have been minimal incidents. A lot of positive comments have been received regarding management, guards and the cleanliness of the pool.

ATTORNEY:

Ms. Evangelista reported that her office has been working on locating the owners of the damaged utility poles in the Borough. Letters will soon be sent requesting those poles be removed.

Council discussed changed to be made to the Borough's domestic animal ordinance. Mr. Jones and Ms. Garcia will meet to work out the details and then present to Council.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna appointed a committee to review the Billboard RFP responses including Mr. Verenna, Mr. Jones, Mr. Feinberg and Mr. Palinkas.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$193,425.17 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus at 7:25 pm and exited at 7:42 pm. The purpose of the Caucus was to discuss personnel matters as permitted by the Sunshine Law.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER