

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
June 26, 2017

The Second 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. Vice President Starniri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

James McGowan
Louis Starniri
Russell Lipari

Daniel Schaffer
Leonard Feinberg
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

Tony Verenna
Pamela Taylor

David Jones

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. McGowan to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Jen Klass of 2123 Hay Street requesting closure of the 2100 block of Hay Street on August 12, 2017 for the annual block party. The hours will be from 10 am until 10 pm. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow the closure. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed, with the exception of Mr. Lipari, who abstained from the vote.

Ms. Garcia presented a request from Lower Saucon Township for a letter of support from Wilson Borough. Lower Saucon is applying for a grant for traffic signal improvements on state highways in the Township. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to provide a support letter. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes cast by Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri, and Mr. Schaffer. No votes cast by Mr. McGowan and Mr. Palinkas. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake reported that street sweeping is still being done in sections. It is a slow process since curb weeds are being removed at the same time. Curbs may be sealed in the fall to prevent future weed growth.

Mr. Drake advised Council that he will be out of the Country for three weeks on a mission trip to Brazil.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari reported on Meuser Pool. Through June 25th, total attendance has been 2,973 patrons and total revenue was \$22,384.00.

Mr. Lipari said he has asked Solicitor Margle to look into creating a dog park inside of Meuser Park. Mr. Drake said he believes there is a restriction on the deed which says the park may only be used for recreational puposes.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle asked Council members if one or two of them would like to tour the Dixie facility or if they would like Mr. Reibman to return to Council with a report. Council requested Mr. Reibman come to another meeting at the end of July or beginning of August. Mr. Margle will coordinate.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Feinberg reported that a committee had been assigned to review the billboard RFPs. The committee met and after reviewing the proposals, recommended Council move forward with Lamar. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to accept Lamar's proposal subject to a submittal of an acceptable contract to be executed between the Borough and Lamar. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed. Mr. Feinberg noted there will be money given by Lamar which will go towards a scoreboard for Fisk Field. This will need to be put out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus at 7:25 pm and exited at 7:40 pm. The purpose of the Caucus was to discuss personnel matters as permitted by the Sunshine Law.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to terminate Employee #822. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$86,013.93 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Schaffer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council concurred.