

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 10, 2017

The First Meeting of July 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
Tony Verenna

Pamela Taylor
Leonard Feinberg
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

Russell Lipari
Daniel Schaffer

David Jones

Also present were: Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Solicitor Stanley Margle and Foreman of Public Works Eric Flowers.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

John and Corrie Burke of 1807 Lehigh Street were present representing the Wilson Borough Baseball Association. They requested permission to remove the old batting cage at Jeffrey Field and to do some improvements to the area. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred

Mr. and Mrs. Burke also asked about having the Association's end of year party at the Borough Pool. Ms. Garcia explained the rates and informed them to speak to Ms. Brunstetter, manager of the pool to schedule a party. Mrs. Burke asked why groups are allowed to use the Community Center with fees waived, but not the pool. Ms. Garcia explained that the reduced price for Associations that use the pool, covers wages for staff who must oversee the parties. The Community Center does not have a staffing expense.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Mark Cooke, Vice-President of the WBPFFA, requesting permission for the Wilson Borough Fire Department to participate in the Fill the Boot drive for Muscular Dystrophy. The event will be held at Washington Boulevard and 22nd Street on Friday August 18th and Friday August 25th From 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow participation in the MDA Fill the Boot Drive. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

Ms. Garcia also read a letter from Ms. Winnie Howey President of Wilson Borough Block Watch, requesting permission for use of Meuser Park with fees waived for two events: National Night Out on August 1st from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and the Annual Community Yard Sale/Vendor Sale on August 19th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow use of the Park with fees waived. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso said he has received complaints about the difficulty of pulling out onto Northampton Street from 17th Street. Chief Parkansky said the no parking signs have been moved farther back to increase visibility.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested permission to hire Eric Miro as a call fireman. He was employed by the fire department previously but left due to conflicts with his full time employment. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Miro as a call fireman. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council concurred.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised Council that he has written a letter to Mr. Reibman, owner of the Dixie, and is awaiting a response in regards to his plan's progress.

Mr. Margle has been working with Met-Ed's legal department and reported that their damaged poles in the Borough will be removed by August 31, 2017. Other poles are owned by Verizon and some poles owned by Met-Ed need to have existing utilities removed. Mr. Margle is working on having these removed as well.

Mr. Margle reported that he hopes to have a lease for the Billboard at Fisk Field by next meeting.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$390,607.21 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.