

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
August 14, 2017

The First Meeting of August 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  
Louis Starniri  
Tony Verenna  
Pamela Taylor

David Jones  
Leonard Feinberg  
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

Daniel Schaffer  
Russell Lipari

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mrs. Mary Young of 2492 Front Street was present to request a lot line adjustment to her property. She also requested permission to purchase abandoned property owned by the Borough. Attorney Margle will contact Mrs. Young's engineer for details and will then inform Council of what may be done. Mr. Corriere was advised to reschedule a planning meeting for September 5 since there was not a quorum at the meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Amanda Starnier and Mr. Aaron Allamby both of Easton, were present to speak to Council about a free backpack give away they will be holding in Meuser Park on August 27<sup>th</sup>. They requested that children participating in the event be admitted to the pool for that day at half price. Motion by Mr. Jones to allow all admissions to the pool on August 25<sup>th</sup> at half price. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Adesh Oddesy of 1531 Washington Street requested closure of the 1500 block of Washington Street on September 2 for the annual block party. Rain date will be September 3. Motion by Ms. Taylor to allow closure. Second by Mr. Jones. Council concurred.

Mr. Jim Smith of 2246 Ferry Street was present to ask Council's permission to have a block party on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Palinkas to allow the block party. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested permission to have a handicap parking space placed at 1822 Freemansburg Avenue, Apartment #1 for Ms. Barbara Pacchioli. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow the handicap spot. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

Mayor Perruso commended Ms. Winnie Howey and all members of the Block Watch Association for another successful National Night Out.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested permission from Council to hire Ms. DeNise Watkins Hamilton as a crossing guard, pending required background checks. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to offer conditional employment to Ms. Hamilton. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested permission to hire Mr. Michael Poloso as a part time fire fighter. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Poloso. Second by Mr. Feinberg.

Chief Sipel advised Council that Northampton County has requested all municipalities have a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. He recommended Mr. Jeffrey Lewert, who has worked for the fire department, currently works for the public works department and resides in the Borough. Compensation will be discussed during budget talks. Attorney Margle advised Chief Sipel to have Mr. Lewert submit a letter of interest.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Ms. Garcia and Mr. Verenna sign the LIDL Highway Occupancy Permit Agreement. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to advertise the Bamboo Ordinance. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

Mr. Starniri noted that there were no provisions in the new ordinance that prohibit the planting of bamboo.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to vacate the prior motion to advertise the Bamboo Ordinance. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council agreed.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to have the Solicitor draft the Bamboo Ordinance with changes, to include the prohibition of planting of bamboo. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Margle asked Council if there were any comments regarding the proposed Parking/Street Sweeping Ordinance. Mr. Starniri voiced concerns regarding families on vacations and short notice. Mr. Verenna said maintenance should be added to the language.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Solicitor Margle draft the Parking/Street Sweeping Ordinance with changes. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council agreed.

Mr. Donald Barrett of 725 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street asked Council regarding the LAMAR billboard lease, when the scoreboard will be placed and what he can tell his players and parents. Mr. Feinberg noted that the scoreboard will need to go out for bid. Mr. Margle added that Council is reviewing the lease and has been acting on items at every meeting. Mr. Jones asked if the scoreboard money could be given up front rather than upon completion of the billboard.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Ms. Garcia and Mr. Verenna sign the Sign Location Lease with LAMAR. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Yes votes cast by Mr. Verenna, Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Palinkas. No vote cast by Mr. Jones. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Council requested Mr. Margle invite Mr. Reibman, owner of the Dixie warehouse to attend a meeting in the next few weeks to update Council and the public on his progress.

Mr. Barrett asked where he could get information on the Dixie Warehouse Project. Mr. Feinberg said there is no information to give. The project is listed as a possible RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) fund project.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$436,293.90 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 8:06 pm. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER