

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 11, 2017

The First Meeting of September 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
David Jones
Tony Verenna
Pamela Taylor

Russell Lipari
Leonard Feinberg
Daniel Schaffer
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Jennifer Dutko-Miller of 2033 Washington Boulevard asked when Trick or Treat would be held in the Borough. Mayor Perruso advised her it will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a request from Mr. Charlie McGarvey, Physical Education Instructor from St. Jane Frances de Chantal School. Mr. McGarvey asked council for permission to add September 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th to his previous request to use Filbert Street for the one mile run. Ms. Garcia confirmed that she has received an updated insurance certificate for the use with additional days. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow additional days. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested Council's approval of a handicap parking space for Mr. Donald Gable of 2442 Sycamore Street. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the handicap space. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed.

The Mayor reported that he had been asked by a Borough resident if the owner of the Dixie Warehouse can be made to board up broken windows. Mr. Corriere said he can start the process, but it will take a few months. Mr. Margle added that Mr. Reibman will be present at the October 9th meeting to report to Council on his progress.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky addressed residents' concerns that nothing is being done about cars and garages being broken into. Officer Behr recently apprehended a suspect in such crimes and no victims will cooperate. The police need cooperation in order to get these criminals off of the streets.

Chief Parkansky advised council that Sergeant Shull is part of the Lehigh Valley Bomb Squad and is federally certified. He owns an old ambulance that has been outfitted to house his Bomb Squad equipment. The Chief asked for Council's permission to have Mr. Margle draw up a lease between the Borough and Sergeant Shull for \$1 a year for use of the vehicle. Motion by Mr. Lipari to have a lease drawn up to allow use, conditioned upon receipt of appropriate insurance. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council concurred.

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake said all but three of the nineteen damaged utility poles in the Borough have been removed.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari reported that a tree lighting ceremony is being put together with Block Watch taking the lead. The tentative date is December 1, 2017. The high school band may also participate.

Mr. Lipari is also working to have a gazebo placed in the park.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle said Mr. Reibman will be present at the first meeting in October. He will advise Mr. Reibman to be prepared to speak about how his plans are progressing as well as the issues of broken windows and people on the roof of the building watching football games.

Mr. Margle advised Council that Ordinances # 784 and #785 will be voted on at the next meeting.

Solicitor Margle reported that the application process for the Lamar billboard has begun and the Borough is awaiting a response from Penn Dot.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$60,958.77 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.