

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
October 23, 2017

The Second Meeting of October 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

Russell Lipari  
Leonard Feinberg  
Scott Palinkas  
Daniel Schaffer

ABSENT:

David Jones

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 October 9, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Daniel Redington – Director of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library and Mr. Thomas Schuyler – Library Board Member were present to address Council. Mr. Schuler said that the Library has great difficulty getting Trustees and inquired as to whether a council person could serve as trustee. Mr. Margle said that there may be a conflict due to the fact that Council votes on Library funding. Mr. Schuyler responded that a school district board member is currently a trustee and was cleared by the school district's solicitor. Mr. Lipari asked if this situation would be any different than a Council member sitting on the Recreation Board. Mr. Margle said the bylaws specifically allow that.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow Solicitor Margle to investigate the topic of a Council Member holding a position on the library board of trustees. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

Mr. Starniri suggested Ms. Garcia meet with Mr. Redington to see if the Library has all copies of current ordinances on file.

Mr. Schuyler thanked Council for their consensus on library funding for 2018.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Margaret Scott, President of the Wilson Area Band Boosters. She requested use of the Community Center for a fundraising purse bingo on February 18, 2018 with fees waived. Motion to allow use without fees by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Lipari and council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to approve two handicap parking spaces: Mr. Stanford Riess of 1541 Lehigh Street and Mr. Robert Rambo of 2100 Butler Street #2. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that she had received an offer from Waste Management to extend the borough's current contract for another year with all contract terms, including price to remain the same. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Ms. Garcia send a letter to Waste Management to accept the offered contract extension through 2018. Second by Ms. Taylor and council unanimously agreed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Mr. Starniri told Chief Parkansky that Council was looking at getting rid of older police cars. Chief Parkansky said he needs to have six or seven cars and he has two he can get rid of now.

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to accept the Public Works Employees' contract for 2018 through 2022. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Yes votes cast by Mr. Lipari, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Schaffer, Mr. Starniri and Ms. Taylor. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed by a seven to one vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve the Emergency Vehicle Lease between Sergeant Shull and the Borough. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Freemansburg. Jonathan Rossi EMC of Northampton County will be the speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Palinkas brought up an issue residents are having regarding cars without plates being parked on Borough Streets. Chief Parkansky said residents need to call the police, not post on Facebook. There is an abandoned car ordinance that allows police to ticket cars and then tow. Mr. Verenna asked the Chief to keep an eye out for these situations.

Mayor Perruso told Chief Parkansky there have been complaints about Spanky's East. Chief Parkansky said he is aware of the situation and is in the process of dealing with the issues. Mr. Feinberg noted that dealing with nuisance bars is not a quick process.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

Caucus:

None

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Bills of \$330,188.42 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council concurred.

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**JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER**