

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
November 27, 2017

The Second Meeting of November 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:

Louis Starniri
Tony Verenna
Pamela Taylor
Russell Lipari

Leonard Feinberg
Scott Palinkas
Daniel Schaffer

ABSENT:

James McGowan

David Jones

Also present were: Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Solicitor Robert Brasko, Code Officer Paul Corriere and Director of Public Works Gregory Drake.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Donald Barrett Jr of 725 S 23rd Street spoke regarding his right to know appeal to Harrisburg. He offered to cancel the mediation if he would receive requested documents when he takes the office of Mayor. Ms. Garcia advised that Solicitor Margle would still like to have the meeting with the appeals officer.

Representatives from Majestic Auto Trade 1639 Washington Street addressed Council. There are three or four cars that park directly in front of the business and do not move often. The area previously had a yellow painted curb and a no parking sign which one of the neighbors removed. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Drake and Mr. Corriere would inspect the site and replace the no parking sign.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Mr. Rusty Voletto. Mr. Voletto requested permission to use the Community Center without fees for the Wilson Viking Flag Football end of year party on November 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council concurred. Mr. Palinkas will lock and unlock the Center.

Mr. Drake will be meeting with Ms. Rebecca Werner concerning her request for a parking sign near her business at 23rd Street and Freemansburg Avenue. She requested the times be changed. Mr. Drake will order the new sign which Ms. Werner will pay for.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested permission to have a handicap sign placed at 2434 Sycamore Street for Ms. Gladys Williams. Motion by Mr. Schaffer to approve the handicap sign. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari thanked Ms. Winnie Howey, Ms. Nicole Lewert and Block Watch, along with Mr. Drake and the Public Works Crew for their help in preparing the park for the 1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Ceremony will be held on December 1st with the tree being lit by Mayor Perruso at 7:30 pm. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, music and Santa will make an appearance.

Breakfast with Santa will be at the Community Center on December 3rd.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on November 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Catasauqua's new building.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna invited Council and incoming Council Members to have cake and coffee after the meeting to honor the outgoing Council Members.

Mr. Verenna advised incoming Council Members to see Ms. Garcia for paperwork to be filled out and returned to the office.

Mr. John Burke of 1807 Lehigh Street requested permission for the family of Rob Schneebeli to use the Community Center on Thursday November 30th for his funeral repast, with fees waived. A special exception was requested due to the fact that Mr. Schneebeli had a long time relationship with the youth of Wilson Borough. Mayor Perruso noted that this could set a precedent. Motion to allow use without fees by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

ORDINANCES:

Motion to advertise Ordinance #786 – Real Estate Tax Ordinance 2018 by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion to approve Resolution #1231 - Adoption of Emergency Operations Plan by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council concurred.

Motion to approve Resolution #1232 – 2018 Salary Resolution by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

Motion to approve Resolution #1233 – In Support of Senate Bill #251 by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

CAUCUS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$89,235.20 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 7:21 pm. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER