

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
December 11, 2017

The First Meeting of December 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  
David Jones

ABSENT:

James McGowan

Daniel Schaffer

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. Feinberg to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus to discuss personnel matters at 7:02 pm and exited at 7:22 pm.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to terminate employment of employee #822 as recommended by Chief Parkansky. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

Chief Parkansky addressed the Mayor and Council and advised that he will be retiring from the Wilson Police Department effective March 1, 2018. Motion by Mr. Verenna to accept Chief Parkansky's resignation with regrets. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed. Mayor Perruso added that Chief Parkansky has always made the Mayor's job easy and he will be missed.

Chief Parkansky recommended Sergeant Christian Meehan be his successor. Sergeant Meehan is a well qualified, 18 year veteran of the Police Department and is well respected. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to make an offer of employment to Sergeant Meehan conditioned upon agreement as to the terms and conditions of employment and the execution of a contract. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Margaret Petty of 1537 Washington Street addressed the no parking sign that was recently put up at 16<sup>th</sup> and Washington. She said this area has always been parking for both sides. Ms. Petty said the auto dealer at that location (Majestic Auto) is now using the area to drive his cars from his lot over the sidewalk and into the street and that he also takes up six to eight spots for the public with his car inventory. Mr. Corriere and Chief Parkansky will both see what can be done with the situation. Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Solicitor Margle research the Borough's parking ordinances and draft an amendment if needed. In the meantime Public Works will remove the sign. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso said it was a privilege to be Mayor and he will now be moving on. He thanked the residents of Wilson Borough and said he is very proud of his Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia read an email from Mr. Tom Schuyler, president of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library. Mr. Schuyler requested the Borough please proceed with repairs to the Library annex roof with Alan Kunsman Roofing. Total payment will be \$1,400.00. Ms. Garcia advised Council that there was \$1,000.00 remaining in the Library Repairs line item. The other \$400.00 can be transferred from a line item that has remaining funds or the Borough can wait for 2018 to pay. Motion by Mr. Lipari to make full payment in 2017. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Mr. Starniri thanked Chief Parkansky for his service and said Sergeant Meehan would be a good successor.

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Katlyn Pogorzelski of Blue Lotus Tattoo, LLC located at 1907 Northampton Street requested directional signs on 25<sup>th</sup> street for her new business which will be installed by the Borough at her expense. She also asked for the signs from Gamble Tattoo LLC to be returned to her so she can present them to the previous owner's surviving family members. Motion by Mr. Starniri to place new signs and return old ones. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed. Mr. Drake will be in contact with Ms. Pogorzelski.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari thanked all Borough Staff and volunteers for participating in the Borough's first Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event was a success with over 200 people in attendance.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle advised Council that there was a proposal to limit public comment to three minutes per presenter in the absence of an emergency. He advised that it is legal to set limits and many municipalities have. Mr. Starniri felt this was a dangerous precedent to set. Mr. Lipari made a motion to table the proposal for the new Council. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Verenna to approve Ordinance #786 setting the real estate tax millage for 2018 at 17.5 mills (no increase). Second by Mr. Starniri. Yes votes cast by Mr. Verenna, Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones and Mr. Lipari. No vote cast by Mr. Palinkas. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mayor Perruso said Mr. Palinkas is a new representative for MECAB and will also be the Vice President.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service and wished them good luck in the future.

Ms. Taylor advised Council that the Borough has been awarded another grant for trees for 2018. This grant is for the full amount and will allow planting of another 100 trees.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$103,027.54 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to authorize Ms. Garcia to pay the Borough's bills over the Holidays. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council agreed

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER