

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
November 12, 2018

The first meeting of November 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	Justin Woodring
Jeffrey Bracken via phone	Russ Lipari
Tony Verenna	David Jones
Scott Palinkas	John Burke
Pamela Taylor	

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Barrett advised all in attendance that they are being recorded with both video and audio.

Also present were: Police Chief Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Code Officer Paul Corriere, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Borough Manager Jill Garcia.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

George Dyevoic and Mike Glasso of The Express Times/Mainstreet Marketplace in Secaucus, NJ asked Council to change the Borough Ordinance to allow them to deliver the Mainstreet Marketplace to all Express Times non-subscribers in a manner in which is financially beneficial to the Express Times. Mr. Dyevoic and Mr. Glasso also requested Council dismiss the citations the Mainstreet Marketplace received for violating the Borough Ordinance. Council denied all requests.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Luann Shive of 2214 Forest Street submitted a letter of interest for Secretary of Recreation Board. The position is filled, and the advertisement was removed from the Wilson Borough webpage.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Cindy Rosenkranz of 2412 Hay Street questioned a letter she received from Solicitor Stan Margle. Solicitor Margle advised the letter was in response to a question presented to him by Ms. Garcia on behalf of Mr. Palinkas. The letter was addressed to Ms. Garcia not Ms. Rosenkranz.

Patricia Sterner of 1544 Northampton Street requested the use of Council Chambers for a Wilson Youth Cheerleader Meeting. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to allow the use of Council Chambers. Seconded by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett thanked all who were involved in the Veterans Day Parade.

Mayor Barrett advised that Boy Scout Pack # 13 is interested in conducting public service with in the Borough.

Mayor Barrett offered his condolences to the family of Ted Polomchak.

Mayor Barrett thanked the Fire Department for the fundraising they did with the pink shirts in October for breast cancer awareness. All proceeds went to a breast cancer patient in the Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised four letters of interest for the Civil Service Board were received. Mr. McGowan recommended to have General Government Committee review the letters of interest and their recommendations at the next council meeting.

Ms. Garcia advised Waste Management would like to continue their contract in Wilson Borough at the same rate. Mr. Verenna made a motion to extend Waste Management's contract for 2019. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia advised the Police Pension cost of living increase will be 2.8% according to the Social Security Administration. A motion by Mr. Lipari to accept the increase. Seconded by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia advised Grant # 902 Recycle Award of \$110,614 will help purchase a new leaf loader.

Ms. Garcia advised the 2018 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) awarded the Borough \$70,000 towards road repairs.

Ms. Garcia advised the Wilson Borough Fire Department received a \$5000 grant from The Georgia Pacific Bucket Brigade.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Matthew DeBiasi as a call firefighter. A motion made by Mr. Burke. Seconded by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Recreation Board turned their documents in to Ms. Garcia, so an audit can be conducted by the Kunsman Corp.

Recreation Board will be holding a special meeting on November 14, 2018 with the Football Board to discuss issues. No votes will be taken at this meeting.

20/20 Committee will meet on November 28, 2018 at 6 pm.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised Lamar will be in contact with the Borough Code officer to request any required variances for the billboard.

Solicitor Margle advised the Dixie will need to replace the broken windows. If they do not comply, they will be fined \$100 for each window. Dixie has 2200 windows.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

There will be no meeting in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance # 790 - Setting Sewer Rates has been advertised and is ready to be approved. Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wooding. Council approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #1239 – Adoption of the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Verenna made the motion to adopt the plan. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$555,372.93. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 8:20 pm. and exited at 8:57 pm. The purpose of this Caucus was to discuss a personnel matter.

A motion made by Mr. Palinkas to have the Solicitor amend the agreement for Employee #10005. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER