WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
January 28, 2019

The second meeting of January 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
Jeffrey Bracken
John Burke
Scott Palinkas
David Jones
Justin Woodring
Pamela Taylor
Tony Verenna

ABSENT: Russ Lipari

Also present were: Police Chief Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Code Officer Paul Corriere and Foreman of Public Works Eric Flowers.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

NONE

GUEST:

Wilson School District and Justin Massey of Terraform Engineering proposed plans for the redevelopment of the Eastern Building property and surrounding area. The School District would like to demolish the building and will provide green grass areas for the Wilson Elementary School and Wilson High School. A motion made by Mr. Verenna to allow the demolistion of the Eastern Building. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

William Keck and Zachary Peters of the Wilson Borough Lions Club thanked Borough Council and Wilson Borough Police Department for all the help they have given to the Lions Club over the years and presented the Police Department with a brand-new trailer.
Mr. Verenna made a motion to allow the Wilson Borough Lions Club to hold their annual Shine and Show car show on July 29, 2019. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Jen Miller of 2033 Washington Blvd. requested the use of the Community Center with fees waived for April 27, 2019. Ms. Miller will be hosting a benefit spaghetti dinner for MS. A motion made by Pam Taylor approving the use. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna thank Mr. Wamsley for keeping the Borough Business Office running smoothly while his co-workers were both battling illnesses.

Mr. Verenna advised Chief Meehan that he has received compliments on the new School Resource Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett thanked Chief Meehan for the work his department is doing with the issues at Spanky's.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones reported that Eric Flowers has compiled a list of equipment that is no longer used by Public Works and can be placed out for bid.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Palinkas advised baseball season will be starting soon and the 2020 committee is working on getting their LLC.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle expressed some concerns with a Blessing Box being placed on Borough property. Mr. Margle requested that there be no religious symbols anywhere on the box and Ms. Garcia contact our insurance provider to confirm liability coverage.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 7:22 pm and returned at 7:58 pm.

Mr. Jones made a motion to advertise for a vacant position in Public Works. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

Solicitor Margle requested Council make a motion to allow Solicitor Margle's Office to finalize a tentative settlement on pending litigation on the Market Place matter. A motion made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

Solicitor Margle requested Council make a motion to explore the drafting of language acceptable to Borough Council and the Board of Elections for a referendum for the upcoming election in May of 2019. A motion made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Palinkas and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER