The second meeting of March 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             David Jones
John Burke                  Tony Verenna
Scott Palinkas              Russ Lipari
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

NONE

Also present were: Police Chief Christian Meehan, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Code Officer Paul Corriere, Foreman of Public Works Eric Flowers and Borough Manager Jill Garcia.

WARRIOR SPIRIT AWARD

Ms. Taylor nominated the Wilson High School Cast and Crew of the production of Big Fish.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

NONE

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Wilson Youth Wrestling Association requested the use of the Community Center on March 27 & 28, 2019. The Association requested the fees be waived. A motion was made by Mr. Lipari to waive the fees. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia advised she received correspondence from Charlie McGarvey of St. Jane’s School requesting the use of the alley between 19th and 20th Street on various days during April and May. Purpose is for the school’s physical education program’s running unit. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve the use of the alley. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia advised she received correspondence from Principal Marybeth Okula of St. Jane’s School requesting the use of the alley between 19th and 20th Street on April 26, 2019. Purpose is for the school’s 11th Annual Marathon. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve the use of the alley. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised PennDOT hosts The Great American Cleanup from March 1 through May 31, 2019. PennDOT will supply garbage bags and t-shirts to anyone who volunteers for the event. The Borough would also receive 30-70% off waste dumped at a landfill.

Mayor Barrett recommended hosting a townhall meeting at the Strausser Community Center on April 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The Mayor would like each Borough Department to send a representative for a question and answer forum.

Mayor Barrett advised that he has Corporate Sponsors interested in sponsoring the pool. Council has no issues with Corporate Sponsorship.
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the 2018 audit has been completed and there were no of deficiencies. Mr. Lipari thanked Ms. Garcia for her time and effort put into completing the audit.

Ms. Garcia explained that UGI will be required to pave one half of Lehigh Street once UGI completes their upgrades. UGI is requesting for the permit fees to be waived. This topic has been tabled to a later meeting.

Ms. Garcia advised PIRMA, the Borough’s Insurance carrier, stated there would not be an issue having a Blessing Box on Borough property. The Borough must post a sign on the Blessing Box explaining what can and cannot be placed inside.

Ms. Garcia requested nominations for voting delegates for the upcoming PSAB conference. Mayor Barrett was nominated along with Mr. Burke as the alternate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Ms. Taylor requested that when a motion is made by a Councilperson, Robert’s Rules of Order be followed. A discussion on the proposed motion should take place after a first and second but before the vote.

Ms. Taylor suggested the Borough renew its Comprehensive plan. Motion made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested permission to promote Barry Rogers to Captain. A motion made by Mr. Bracken to promote. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones made a motion to hire Peter Appleby as a Public Works Laborer. A second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

Public Works Foreman, Eric Flowers advised a pole at Meuser Park needs to be taken down and electric rewired. The cost is $5,000 to $6,000 to remove old pole and rerun wires to a weather mast.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari questioned when the water at the parks will be turned on? Public Works Foreman, Eric Flowers state it will be turned on when weather is warmer, and pipes are not at risk of freezing.

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

Next meeting will be held in Catasauqua on March 27, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE
NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Taylor recommended combining the Eagle Scout project previously approved with the Great American Cleanup on May 11, 2019. A motion to approve made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:


BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of $88,327.10. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the bills. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

CAUCUS:

Council entered a caucus at 7:43 pm and returned at 8:22 pm.

Solicitor Margle requested Council entertain a motion authorizing Solicitor Margle’s office to release documents to Wilson Area School District in accordance with ongoing discussions. A motion to approve made by Mr. Jones. Seconded by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Solicitor Margle requested Council entertain a motion authorizing contact with individuals involved with the Zoning Hearing Board relative to matters that are pending and if necessary, have Borough Council Solicitor appear at a hearing should it be warranted. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

Solicitor Margle requested Council entertain a motion authorizing the Borough Manager to begin inquiries relative to various bond and/or financing options. Motion to approve by Ms. Taylor. Second by Mr. Burke. Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke made a Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.