

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 28, 2019

The second meeting of May of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. Councilman Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

James McGowan
Jeffrey Bracken via phone
John Burke
Scott Palinkas
Pamela Taylor

Justin Woodring
Russ Lipari
Tony Verenna
Dave Jones via phone

ABSENT:

NONE

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

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING (Moir Evans Stenographer was present.)

1. Attorney Chris Schubert of New Cingular Wireless dba AT&T Mobility requested Council's permission to install a radio cabinet and antenna onto existing Verizon wood poles in the Borough's right of way at two locations; 2444 Freemansburg Ave and 2419 Sycamore Street. A motion by Mr. Palinkas to accept the Conditional Use with the following conditions: 1. The applicant must provide upon request or annual basis proof of State and Federal licensing requirements. 2. The applicant must provide copies to the Borough Office, of any permits that maybe required relative to this project. 3. The applicant must maintain and cover any costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the radio cabinet and antenna. 4. The applicant must apply for a building permit and comply with reasonable requirements of Wilson Borough's Ordinances. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.
2. Attorney Stephanie Koenig of Fitzpatrick, Lentz and Bubba, Kevin Ryder property manager of 1991 Northampton Street and Jeffrey Kolmer CEO of Global Healthcare requested Council's permission to locate a pharmacy within the existing structure at 1991 Northampton Street. The pharmacy would be considered an accessory to the primary use. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to accept the Conditional Use with the following conditions: 1. Any expansion beyond pharmacy products will require and a permit application. 2. Signage will require a permit application. 3. Pharmacy hours must be between 8 am and 4 pm. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Jessica McMillin of 2310 Forest Street advised she has an issue with her neighbors directly across from her driveway. The neighbor parks behind his garage and it makes it difficult for Mrs. McMillin to get out of her driveway. Mrs. McMillin was advised to contact the Police anytime she has this issue.

Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street expressed concerns about the 2100 block of Hay Street; curb painting and the loss of parking spaces. Ms. Crozier was advised there are areas of the Borough that emergency vehicles cannot get through due to cars parked too close to the corners. Ms. Crozier expressed concerns about the handicap parking Ordinance, the Garbage Ordinance and an Ordinance for pet fecal matter. Solicitor Margle advised Ms. Crozier that the Ordinances she questioned are not self-enforced that she must contact the proper department in the Borough to have these issues resolved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised the Police and Fire Departments are not responsible for assisting with wild animals. Mayor Barrett suggested contacting a wildlife expert.

Mayor Barret requested that anyone in the Borough who would be interested in having a Memorial Day Celebration in 2020, please contact him.

Mayor Barrett advised next year is the 2020 Census and information about the 2020 Census is on the Borough website.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia asked Council for a motion to approve a feasibility study in regards to reusing existing structures at Meuser Pool. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia asked Council for a motion to allow her to pay the bills due to the Council meeting on June 10, 2019 being cancelled. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to allow the bills to be paid. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Palinkas advised the 501c3 was approved for the Recreation Board and the next stage is hiring an Accountant or CPA. Mayor Barrett questioned if the Recreation Board has a Treasurer in place? Mr. Palinkas advised not at this time, but he is hoping to have one in place at the next Recreation Board meeting. Mayor Barrett advised he has been asked several questions in reference to Recreation Board mainly pertaining to the Treasurer reports and meeting minutes. Mayor Barrett was also told that several Recreation Board votes were held via text message and according to Recreation Boards by-laws there is no text message voting allowed. Mr. Palinkas advised the electronic votes were used as a straw poll and a regular vote is always completed at the next public meeting. Mayor Barrett advised another concern brought to his attention was the whereabouts of the Recreation Board credit card and laptop. Mr. Palinkas advised both were in the safe located in the Borough conference room. Mayor Barrett asked Mr. Palinkas to retrieve both. Mr. Palinkas returned to Council Chambers and had the Recreation Board credit card; the laptop was not in the safe. Mr. Palinkas proceeded to cut up the Board credit card. Mayor Barrett advised that in the previous Recreation Board meeting minutes he noticed a vote was held via text message four times and was listed as such on the minutes. Mayor Barrett stated according to Article 4 Section 4A of the Recreation Board by-laws a vote via text message or email is not acceptable. Mayor Barrett also advised according to the most recent audit of the Recreation Board it was stated "the Accountant does not believe the accounting for the Recreation Board is appropriate. The accountant does not like how the books are kept however; the books are in chronological order". Mayor Barrett is concerned as to why Mr. Palinkas would like to change the auditor. Mayor Barrett was advised by a Recreation Board representative that at the most recent Recreation Board meeting a proposal was made to give \$3000 to each association under the Recreation Board and the Recreation Board representative was told there was not enough money in the upcoming budget for every associate to get \$3000. Mr. Bracken advised in the Recreation Board by-laws it states Treasurer report and meeting minutes from each association must be presented to Council each month according to Article 7 Section 5 of the by-laws. Mr. Lipari made a motion to have Solicitor Margle investigate the procedure of dissolving the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

Next meeting will be held May 29, 2018 in Bath, PA.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$79,371.52. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

CAUCUS:

Council entered a caucus at 8:38pm and ended at 8:43pm.

A motion to hire applicants number 1 and 2 for Public Works summer help. Second by Ms. Taylor. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Verenna. No vote was cast by Mr. Woodring. Mr. Jones abstained.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER