

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
June 24, 2019

The first meeting of June 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 Lipari called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

James McGowan
Jeffrey Bracken via phone
Pamela Taylor

Justin Woodring
Russ Lipari
Scott Palinkas

ABSENT: Tony Verenna, David Jones, John Burke

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.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

Maron Koorie requested permission from Council to purchase a parcel of land owned by the Borough of Wilson between Wood Avenue and Spring Garden Street. Mr. Koorie advised the land would be subdivided and developed. Solicitor Margle advised for Mr. Koorie to submit a proposed agreement of sale. Solicitor Margle also advised he will investigate any restrictions that may be on the deed from when the land was gifted to the Borough.

Mr. Corriere advised he received a request from Lidl to host a movie night in their parking lot. Council and Solicitor Margle asked to table this discussion till the next Council meeting and to have Lidl present. Mr. Corriere should also advise Lidl there is to be no activity taking place without prior permission from Council.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Susan Eagle of 124 S 15th St requested Council look into TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) for feral cats. Council will take the information into consideration.

Donna Yetter of 2404 Butler Street and Alyssa Harvey of 1841 Hay Terrace Apt 2 asked if Council will act on dissolving the Recreation Board and what will happen to the funds. Council advised the funds for each association belongs to said associations and no association funding would be misappropriated.

Melissa Rosati of 2123 Birch Street addressed Council with her concerns about dissolving the Recreation Board.

Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street Rear advised Council she felt disappointed at the last Council meeting and felt as if she was shut down when expressing her concerns.

Mike Shannon of 2230 Fox Run questioned where the Borough is with the electronic billboard with scoreboard. Council advised an appeal was filed. Mr. Shannon also wanted to know why there is \$60,000 in the Recreation Board account. Mr. Shannon also advised the catch basin between Fox Run and Fox Circle needs to be cleaned out.

Marcella Sos of 1631 Ferry St asked Mr. Corriere if he did or did not tell her neighbor, Mr. Klein that he did not have to fix the spouting that was creating a problem for Ms. Sos's home. Mr. Corriere responded No; he did not tell Mr. Klein that it didn't have to be fixed. Ms. Sos advised she would like to donate a brand-new bike to the Police Department.

Dawn Shannon of 2230 Fox Run stated she felt Council was aggressive and showed venom towards residents who come up and express their concerns.

Bill Stasak of 142 S 17th Street stated he asked Recreation Board for dirt for the baseball/softball fields and was turned down by Recreation Board. Mr. Flowers advised anyone with requests having to do with the Highway Department to please contact the office and speak to the Borough Manager.

Kevin Kiernan of 1920 Fairview Avenue requested permission from Council to hold a block party on the 1900 block of Fairview Avenue on August 31, 2019. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

Pat and Hope Hurd of 1803 Fairview Avenue requested permission from Council to hold a block party on the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue on July 4, 2019. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. McGowan. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Jenn Klass requesting permission from Council to hold a block party on the 2100 block of Hay St on August 10, 2019. A motion to approve the request was made by Ms. Taylor. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett requested permission for a handicap parking spot at 1705 Northampton Street. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to allow the handicap spot. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Barrett advised two of the three blessing boxes are now up. Mayor Barrett requested Councils permission to place the third blessing box at Meuser Park. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to approve the placement. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Barrett advised Wes Beers and he cleaned the tar on the park slide as well as the graffiti sprayed on a resident's fence.

Mayor Barrett advised he would like to start a Civic Celebrations Committee and if anyone is interested in participating to please contact the Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Representative Freeman's office submitted the Borough's application for the RACP Grant for Meuser Pool.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised there has been a rash of thefts from vehicles and he would like to investigate getting some surveillance in place. There are portable cameras that run off cellular data, each camera costs about \$400 each with a \$40 monthly service fee per each unit.

Chief Meehan and Mayor Barrett advised that the Wilson Borough Police Department has no in car cameras. Mayor Barrett suggested using a CD that comes due in July to purchase this equipment. Chief Meehan advised the project would be to outfit five Police cruisers with cameras and purchase a server and associated equipment costing approximately \$36,000.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers advised the Highway Department has been painting curbs yellow. Solicitor Margle advised he will sit with Mr. Flowers and Chief Meehan to discuss the process in which to finish the painting of curbs.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Palinkas advised he contacted Kunsman to set up a time for the Recreation Board audit.

Mr. Palinkas advise Mr. Burke will report on the profits made at the Purse Bingo at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Lipari expressed his concern for the safety of the children that play at Liberty Park.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he has completed his research and drafted an Ordinance to dissolve the Recreation Board. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to table to the next Council meeting. Second by Mr. Wooding. Council unanimously approved.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

On vacation June, July and August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Woodring asked where we are with the Pool. Mr. Lipari advised T&M Engineering will be submitting a new proposal using the existing pool shell at the August 12, 2019 Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$77,586.69. A motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the bills. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Taylor made a Motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER