The first meeting of September 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
Pamela Taylor
John Burke
Justin Woodring
David Jones
Russ Lipari
Tony Verenna

ABSENT: Scott Palinkas

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

CAUCUS:

Council entered a caucus at 7:01 pm and returned at 7:23 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Lipari to allow the Borough Solicitor to contact the prospective purchaser of a subject tract and to take any and all necessary steps to make closing within a reasonable period and not to exceed sixty days. The authorization is subject to a confirmation from the Zoning Officer that the subject parcel is not under existing zoning laws as a buildable lot, there exist no impediments from a legal standpoint which would prevent lawful transfer of the property and the appropriate notice be provided to any tenants who may have a current and valid lease on the property. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

NONE

GUEST:

Ms. Paula Lynch of the Relay for Life requested Council’s permission to hold a Relay for Life event at Meuser Park. The event would take place within the first two weeks of June 2020 and will be a 24-hour event, 12pm-12pm. Ms. Lynch also advised she would like this to be an annual event. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to approve the event. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for Tolani Cabinets of 1507 Northampton Street. This was a request for a Conditional Use hearing and an intermunicipal transfer of a liquor license. The hearing has been continued until the next Council meeting on September 23, 2019. Ms. Karen Mengel was present as stenographer.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from Ms. Luanne Shive expressing interest in joining the Recreation Board for the remaining period of operation. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Burke. Council concurred.

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from Mr. Jeffery Bracken expressing interest in filling the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. A motion made by Mr. Burke to approve. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved. Mr. Bracken abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:
Mayor Barrett announced trick or treat will be held on October 31, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm.
Mayor Barrett thanked the Fire and Police Departments for attending the Wilson High School home football game and advised the team would like the departments to make an appearance at all home games.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:
Ms. Garcia advised the Fall PSAB conference will take place October 11-13, 2019 in State College. She requested permission to register anyone who is interested in attending. A motion was made by Ms. Taylor to approve. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.
Ms. Garcia advised the winter traffic services agreement with PennDOT has come up for renewal. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve the agreement and allow Ms. Garcia to sign the agreement. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:
NONE

POLICE:
Chief Meehan requested Council’s approval to hire two crossing guards, Ms. Bonnie Shiller and Ms. Elizabeth Knapp. A motion was made by Mr. Lipari to hire the crossing guards. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

FIRE:
NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:
NONE

PARKS AND RECREATION:
NONE

ATTORNEY:
NONE

COG:
NONE

MECAB:
Next meeting will be on September 25, 2019 at the Wilson Borough Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:
Ms. Taylor advised the Nature Nurture center will be hosting a seminar on September 10, 2019 to deliver informational presentations about their forecast tools and resources.
Ms. Taylor advised on September 28, 2019 two pollinator gardens will be planted on the bike path near the high school and anyone is welcome to join and learn how to create his/her own pollinator garden.

NONE

ORDINANCES:
Ordinance # 793 Mutual Aid agreement with Palmer Township. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to authorize the mutual aid agreement. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.
RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of $89,891.38. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke made a Motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER