

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
January 25, 2021

The second meeting of January of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held virtually via Zoom. President Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Justin Woodring	Russell Lipari	David Jones
Scott Palinkas	James McGowan	
Tony Verenna	Jeffrey Bracken	

ABSENT: Pamela Taylor and John Burke

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Woodring to approve Council Meeting minutes from January 11, 2020. Second by Mr. McGowan. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised that Ms. Liz Deemer will be hosting a drive thru Girl Scout cookie sale and would like to use the Meuser pool parking lot. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett received a survey from St. Luke's Hospital, Easton inquiring about Wilson Borough's health and fitness; specifically the following question "What improvements and policy and community infrastructure would assist you and your community in meeting your community's health needs mentally and physically?". Mayor Barrett suggested the need for the replacement of Meuser Pool. Solicitor Margle advised with his years of experience with public/private partnerships one of the first questions a public/eleemosynary institution like St Luke's will undoubtedly ask is what the total commitment and completion date for the new pool will be. This would be a premature time to mention the pool.

Ms. Garcia advised Mr. Jones she will make sure a representative from the finance company will be at the next Council meeting. Solicitor Margle and Ms. Garcia are both concerned about inviting the finance company to a Council meeting when Council has not made a commitment to spend the money.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised a letter was received from Borough Engineer Ms. Monica Wall of T&M Associates. The low bidder for the CDBG Grant project of 46 ADA ramps was G&B Construction at \$197,000. The grant funds came in at \$143,000. this would reduce the number of ramps to 33. T&M Associates is recommending the contract be awarded to G&B Construction. A motion to award the bid to G&B Construction with a total contract award of \$141,471, made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 7-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Last meeting was held on January 21, 2021 – No youth sports will be held over the winter. Committee is working on a plan to have coaches from school district and athletic commission work together more closely.

CODE DEPARTMENT

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1252 (Tax Collectors Salary at \$10,800 p/year) made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Jones. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with an 6-1 vote.

CAUCUS:

Council entered a caucus at 8:32 pm and ended caucus at 8:45 pm.

Solicitor Margle advised Caucus was about potential litigation matters.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$112,657.56. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER