

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 22, 2021

The second meeting of March 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:

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| Justin Woodring | Russell Lipari | John Burke |
| Scott Palinkas | James McGowan | Tony Verenna |
| Jeffrey Bracken | James Klass | |

ABSENT: Pam Taylor

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve Council Meeting minutes from March 8, 2021. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mrs. Melissa and Mr. Kyle Brinkley of 2007 Northampton St. advised they are concerned about speeding on Northampton Street and requested speed enforcement.

Ms. Shakina Finney appealed her handicap space denial. A motion made by Mr. Woodring to approve the handicap space. Second by Mr. Bracken. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

Mr. Kurt Snyder of 2250 Ferry St. also expressed his concerns with speeding on Northampton St.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Allentown Corvette Club is waiting for a Council decision on hosting a car show June 5, 2021 which was tabled from the prior meeting. A motion by Mr. Palinkas to only allow one car show at Meuser Park per weekend. The Allentown Corvette Club may have a second show only if there is not another show scheduled on their chosen weekend. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised the Lions Club requested Council's permission to host their annual car show on Washington Blvd from 22nd to 24th Streets on August 7 & 8, 2021. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna advised Council once again that if they are inclined to get bids for a new trash service now is the time to do it.

Mr. Verenna advised he has two appointments to the Public Works Board: Mr. Jeffrey Bracken and Mr. James Klass.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he received calls about Liberty Park over the weekend. The slide had feces on it. The Mayor and Council advised residents who come across issues like this on weekends or evenings to please call the Police non-emergency number and the Police will close the park until it can be cleaned.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

FIRE:

Chief Sipel wanted to be sure Council is informed of just how important the Borough Fire department is. Having a paid fire department greatly increases the chances of a rapid response and minimizing damages that may be caused. Chief Sipel presented pictures of instances of fires that could have been much worse had the response time been longer.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke would like to continue the process for the Quality of Life plan and address parking issues.

2020 COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Machado advised the Zoning Solicitor recommends the Code Committee reviews the fee schedule.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle recommended a motion on the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority Addendum be made. A motion to approve the EAJSA Addendum made by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring.. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Palinkas made a motion to begin holding in person Council meetings if allowable by law. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. No Votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Verenna. Motion passes 5-3

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1254 – Creating the Wilson Borough Cheerleading Association was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke,

Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring.. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 8:18 pm.
Council exited Caucus at 8:45 pm.

Solicitor Margle advised the purpose of the Caucus was to discuss the purchase of Real Estate.

A motion to allow the Solicitor and Borough Manager to obtain an appraisal on Real Estate made by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$129,362.24. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McGowan made a Motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER