

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 24, 2021

The second meeting of May of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in person at the Strausser Community Center. Council President Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

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

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 May 10, 2021. 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.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna advised Billboard Construction at Fisk Field is moving forward. Mr. Verenna advised T&M, Borough Engineers, recommend removing lap pool and making it into a grassy area, we can revisit adding a lap pool later. A new lap pool is not included in the current proposal.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he received some complaints about Northampton St. and accidents. Chief Meehan is working on the issue however, the Borough's hands are tied for speed enforcement because Northampton St. is a State Road. Chief Meehan advised that accidents that have occurred were not speed related.

Mr. Lipari advised, for the record, anyone who has issues or complaints about the Borough to please come to a Council meeting. He is aware people complain on Facebook and other social media sites, however the way for someone to be heard and get results is to speak to Council directly at a meeting.

Mayor Barrett presented requests for handicap parking spots:

1533 Washington St. – no other handicap spots and meets the criteria.
820 S 24th St. – one other handicap spot and meets the criteria.

A motion made by Mr. Lipari approve the handicap parking. Second by Mr. Klass. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the Committee is looking for volunteers for the Celebration.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Lipari advised the Commission is already looking at funding other associations. He also advised that any association seeking funding should submit requests in writing to the Commission.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle received communication from EAJSA (Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority) regarding potential difficulty with the number of municipalities and changes being requested by the EAJSA. Borough engineers are working with EAJSA engineers and their Solicitor.

Solicitor Margle advised he is drafting a Grease Interception Ordinance for the next Council Meeting.

Solicitor Margle advised he is investigating the Ordinance for house flipping, stating it may be counter constitutional and subjected to a challenge. He will report his findings at the next Council meeting.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lipari advised Chief Meehan he notices older kids in the smaller parks for ages 12 and under. Mr. Lipari also advised he notices children riding bikes and scooters the wrong way on one way streets.

ORDINANCES:

Ms. Garcia requested motion to advertise Ordinance 801 and 802. A motion to advertise 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #1254, permission to apply for a grant to redo Borough tennis courts. A motion 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.

Resolution #1255, to oppose Governor Wolf's proposal to levy a fee on all local Governments to provide Pennsylvania State Police. A motion 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.

Resolution #1256, allowing the Police Department to destroy records. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve. 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:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Ken Snyder of 2250 Ferry Street advised he notices more Police presence on Northampton St. and has noticed a significant change in speeding.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$227,418.00. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. 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. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Mr. Bracken and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER