

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 12, 2021

The first meeting of July 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	James McGowan
Tony Verenna	James Klass
John Burke	

ABSENT: Pamela Taylor, Russell Lipari, Scott Palinkas, Jeffrey Bracken

Also present were Solicitor Tina Downs, 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 June 28, 2021. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised Ms. Jenn Klass requested Council's permission to hold a block party on the 2100 block of Hay St. on August 14, 2021, from 11am-10 pm. A motion to approve made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised the Avona Volunteer Fire Company requested permission to hold their annual volunteer picnic on September 18, 2021, from 11am-5 pm. They are requesting the closure of Balata from Front Street to the alley. A motion to approve made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised B.A.C.K (Bikers Against Cop Killers) donated \$2500 towards a new k-9 for the Wilson Borough Police Department.

Mayor Barrett advised residents to please call the non-emergency number for all traffic related issues.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the 2021 Road Program bids have been received and T&M Engineers gave a favorable recommendation to GoreCon Inc with a bid of \$83,715.05. A motion to award the bid to GoreCon Inc made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke requested the status on the Quality the Life Ordinance from Solicitor Margle. Solicitor Margle advised he is preparing a draft for the next Council meeting.

2020 COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the alcohol permit application is moving forward. Mr. Burke made a motion requesting a letter be drafted by the Solicitor, subject to Council's approval, advising the 2020 committee has Council's permission to apply for the permit.. Second by Mr. Klass. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Burke made a motion to allow the use of a trolley or bus as transportation to and from the parking lots to the 2020 Celebration for the residents. Second by Mr. Klass. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Burke advised St. Luke's will be sponsoring the 2020 Celebration. Mr. Burke requested permission to waive the \$25 business license fee to vendors. A discussion ensued and Council advised to reduce the 2020 Committee fees by \$25 to balance out the Business License fee requirement.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Barrett asked where Council stands with the purchase of property for the Police Department. Chief Meehan advised the bank building is the ideal location. A motion to allow the Solicitor to draft a letter of interest in the property to the landowner made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Woodring made a motion to open the Borough Offices. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ORDINANCES:

A motion made by Mr. Burke to approve Ordinance #803. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$326,952.93. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke made a Motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER