

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 26, 2021

The second meeting of July of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in person at the Strausser Community Center. Councilman Russell Lipari called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Pamela Taylor, Tony Verenna

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 July 12, 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 and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

Mr. Christopher Gibbons of Concord Public Finance discussed possible financing options for future projects within the Borough of Wilson.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Wilson Democratic Association requested permission to hold a picnic in their parking lot on August 28, 2021, from 2 pm-6 pm. A motion to approve made by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised residents with concerns about the Wilson Warrior mascot/logo should address the Wilson Area School District.

Mayor Barrett directed residents that may have concerns with the North Point project to please bring them to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting which will be held on July 27, 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to approve the 2021-2022 SRO (School Resource Officer) contract with the Wilson Area School District. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Burke. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested Council's permission to place the Athletic Commission's Liability Insurance under the Borough's General Liability. Ms. Garcia noted that the Athletic Commission is appointed by Wilson Borough Council and operates under Borough Council thus allowing this change to be made. Savings to the Borough will be approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 per year. A motion to approve made by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia asked Council to revisit the issue of food trucks in the park. A motion made by Mr. Bracken to allow food trucks for private parties and to require such food trucks to park only in parking lots at Meuser Park. Second by Mr. Palinkas. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr.

Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. No votes were cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

A motion to allow food trucks within Meuser Park for Community Events made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. No votes were cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised electrical improvements at Meuser Park will be started soon. The final layout for the celebration is complete. There will be three entrances to the celebration.

Mr. Burke asked Council's permission to waive the \$25 Business Privilege License/Application. A motion made by Mr. Burke to waive the fee for all community activities held in Meuser Park. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, and Mr. Woodring. No votes were cast by Mr. Bracken and Mr. Palinkas. Motions passed with a 5-2 vote.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he will attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on July 27, 2021.

Solicitor Margle advised he has received no response from the landowner of a parcel of real estate and he will make one more attempt.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve Resolution #1259. Second by Mr. Burke. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Burke. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$360,353.03. A motion made by Mr. Burke to approve. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke made a Motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Second by Mr. McGowan and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER