

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 11, 2021

The first meeting of October 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:

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Bracken and Pam Taylor

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve Council Meeting minutes from September 27, 2021. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Antique Car Club requested the use of Meuser Park on June 5, 2022, for their annual car show. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No votes were cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised the Football Association would like to hold a pep rally at Fisk Field on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 12-2pm. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna advised Council that budget meetings will start in the upcoming weeks.

Mr. Verenna advised the Office will be looking into contract help for the Code Department.

CAUCUS:

NONE

Mayor Barrett thanked the 2020 Celebration Committee for helping with the upcoming celebration.

Mayor Barrett advised he notices a lot of speeding through the park and would like to have that addressed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan received a request for a handicap parking spot at 2422 Birch St. The applicant meets all the requirements. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Chief Meehan requested permission to make a conditional offer of employment for a full-time officer, pending completion of civil service testing and a certified list. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the opening ceremony for the Centennial Celebration will be at 5 pm on October 14, 2021.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

A motion made by Mr. Lipari to appoint Ms. Carreen Ravier-Lewert as an At Large member of the athletic committee. Second by Mr. Klass. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Machado advised there will be 3 Zoning hearings held on October 26, 2021, at 7 pm.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he is moving forward with violations for the Dixie Building and the Hillis Group.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$548,018.08. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Burke. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER