

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 27, 2021

The second meeting of September 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 via phone
James Klass	Jeffrey Bracken	
James McGowan	Tony Verenna	

ABSENT: Russ Lipari 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 13, 2021. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia questioned Council whether the non-profit rate for the park and community center is for Wilson Borough non-profits only or all non-profits? Council agreed all non-profits are eligible.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna advised Council that budget meetings will start in October.

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

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 7:22 pm.
Council returned from Caucus at 8:02 pm.

Personnel and Litigation matters were discussed.

A motion to approach the Police Association regarding manpower issues made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised the Department of Justice is issuing grants and to apply Chief Meehan is required to receive Council's verbal permission. A motion to approve made by Mr. Klass and Second by Mr. Bracken. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, 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 Halloween parade will be held on October 31, 2021.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Ms. Garcia advised there will be a Planning Meeting held on October 5, 2021, at 7 pm.

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution # 1260 made by Mr. Klass. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna 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 \$147,210.04. A motion made by Mr. Klass to approve. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, 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 8:02 pm. Second by Mr. Burke and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER