

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 25, 2021

The second 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:

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

ABSENT: James Klass and Pam Taylor

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, 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 October 11, 2021. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

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

Mr. Verenna made a motion to approve the 2nd Annual Borough Celebration. Second by Mr. Bracken. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Verenna advised that LAMAR has given the scoreboard funds to the Borough and specifications are being collected so that a Request for Proposals can be advertised.

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 7:43pm

Council ended Caucus at 8:20pm

Caucus was held to discuss potential litigation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett thanked everyone for helping with the Borough Celebration. It was a success.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised a change order request for time extensions on the mill and overlay of 16th & 20th Streets until November 19, 2021, has been made. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised there is a need to amend Zoning and Planning fee schedules. A discussion ensued and Council requested the Solicitor to prepare a draft ordinance with the new rates.

Ms. Garcia advised the Veterans Day Parade has been cancelled due to lack of participants.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

Mr. Lipari would like Council to investigate having an ice rink in Meuser Park next winter.

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the Borough Celebration was a success. He thanked everyone that volunteered and office staff, police, fire, and public works departments for all the help in making the Celebration a great success.

Mr. Burke advised the Halloween Parade will be held October 31, 2021, at 1 pm on Washington Blvd. from 16th St to Wilson High School. A motion to approve a moving motorcade made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Burke advised the tree lighting will be held at Meuser Park on November 26, 2021, at 7 pm.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be held November 16, 2021, at 6 pm

CODE DEPARTMENT:

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

Mr. Machado advised there will be a Planning Commission meeting on November 2, 2021, at 7 pm in Council chambers.

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Brian Radar of 2215 Fairview Ave has received over 70 tickets from the police department for expired registration and inspection while parked on what he believes is his own property. Solicitor Margle advised he obtain an attorney and a property survey.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$262,470.64. A motion made by Mr. Burke to approve. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. Second by Mr. Burke and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER