

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
June 28, 2021

The second meeting of June 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
Scott Palinkas	Tony Verenna
Jeffrey Bracken	James Klass
Russell Lipari	

ABSENT: Pam Taylor, John Burke

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. Klass to approve Council Meeting minutes from June 14, 2021. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Mr. McGowan abstained.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised Palmer Volunteer Fire Company #2 requested the closure of Filbert St. alley between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets for their member appreciation picnic on October 2, 2021, between the hours of 12pm and 6pm. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve if all obligatory paperwork and insurance is received. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised Mr. Dave Seiple and the Easton Area Arts Committee would like to have an arts festival in Meuser Park on October 9, 2021. The festival will have 20-30 vendors. Event will be held Rain or Shine. The fees quoted are \$100 non-profit rental fee and \$400 refundable cleaning deposit. Ms. Garcia advised all vendors must obtain business licenses. A motion made by Mr. Klass to approve. Second by Mr. Woodring. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna advised the billboard is up however, not functioning yet. Mr. Verenna is trying to establish a timeline as to when the funds will be given to the Borough to purchase the scoreboard.

Mr. Verenna advised he was asked about the status of his Handicapped plaque and license plate on his car by a resident and was happy to divulge the reasons why he has one but feels it was really nobody's business.

CAUCUS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett presented one handicap application for 2438 Alder St. The address and resident meet all requirements. A motion made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Mayor Barrett requested Public Works fix or remove the few wooden posts with signs on Washington Blvd. that are leaning or broken.

Mayor Barrett asked Public Works if they will be painting yellow lines. Chief Meehan advised that the yellow line is simply a courtesy and not required.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia asked Mayor Barrett to advise the organizer of the Art Show to please provide the proper liability insurance.

Ms. Garcia advised there was a food truck in the park over the weekend, and the pavilion renters were not given permission to have such a truck in the park. Ms. Garcia would like to change the application for rental of the pavilions to state, “no food trucks”. The matter has been tabled till the next meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Lipari advised a meeting was held on June 24, 2021. Mr. Lipari stated he was told that the by-laws were not given to School District, but Mr. Lipari advised Mr. Frankenfield (WASD) attended meetings when by-laws were being written.

Mr. Verenna advised Mr. Jeff Breidinger has been appointed by the Wilson Area School District to the Commission to represent the School District.

Mr. Verenna advised a request for a representative from West Easton Borough has gone unanswered for eight weeks.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Verenna asked Code Officer Machado to send an official letter to the School District advising them to replace and/or repair missing/damaged curbs surrounding School Property.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Downs requested a motion to advertise Ordinance #803. A motion made by Mr. Woodring to advertise. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Solicitor Downs advised she needs approval and specifics on the scoreboard to create an RFP (Request for Proposals). A motion to allow the Solicitor to obtain information made by Mr. Lipari.. Second by Mr. Woodring. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1258 - Banners made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, Mr. Lipari, 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 \$107,104.34. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Klass. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Klass, 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 8:00 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER