

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
February 28, 2022

The second meeting of February of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in person at the Strausser Community Center. Council President John Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

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| John Burke      | Justin Woodring | Shaun Gable    |
| Kurt Snyder     | Tony Verenna    | James McGowan  |
| Jeffrey Bracken | Scott Palinkas  | Russell Lipari |

ABSENT:

NONE

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the Meeting minutes from February 14, 2022. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett congratulated Chief Meehan as he approaches his 4 year anniversary as Police Chief and advised he is doing a terrific job.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised he spoke to the Police Association about changing the language in the contract, changing the rate of pay to \$28.63 for part-time Officers after completing 480 hours of work.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel advised two full time fire fighters will be traveling to Wisconsin on March 21, 2022, to complete a final check of the new ladder truck.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

The Celebration Committee in conjunction with the Lions and Wilson Borough Block Watch will host an Easter egg hunt on April 9, 2022, at 10:00 am at Meuser Park.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

The Athletic Commission will hold its next meeting March 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Community Center.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised discussions of a prospective sale of a building within the Borough are continuing to move forward and are active.

Solicitor Margle advised there is good news regarding the property at the old Pfizer tract that borders on Easton and Palmer Township. North Point had previously had an agreement of sale and because of some property dispute issues North Point backed out. Solicitor Margle has set up a meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 2:00 pm, at his office to meet with a similar company with similar corporate objectives. The company requested a meeting with the Solicitor and Borough Manger. Solicitor Margle invited the Code Officer and one or two Council members to attend.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Borough Engineers are currently working on items motioned at the previous meeting; Estimated cost to demo and feasibility of 2017 Hay Terrace building, estimate cost of renovation to current administration building and the temporary move of the employees in the current administration building to the Community Center.

A motion to give Mr. Flowers permission to demolish and fill in the pools and level the area at Meuser park made by Mr. Snyder. Second by Ms. Gable. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest St. Rear asked what is the Per Capita tax? Solicitor Margle advised the word per capita means "by the head" and a per capita tax is one that imposed upon a head or resident of the Brough. It is an annual tax around \$10 to anyone over the age of 18 that lives in the Borough. Ms. Crozier asked what is the per capita used for? Solicitor Margle advised the legislation explains the permitted uses and authorizes the collection of the tax.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$118,700.59. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Mr. Snyder and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER