

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 28, 2022

The second meeting of March 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:

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

ABSENT:

James McGowan

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Verenna to approve the Meeting minutes from March 14, 2022. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Lions Club requested permission to close Washington Blvd. from S. 22nd to S. 24th Street and S. 24th to Butler Street for the Lions car show on August 6, 2022. A motion to approve made by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised residents to look at Celebrate Wilson website - celebratewilson.org for updates on events for the 2022 Borough Fall Festival.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the 2021 Audit is completed and there are no deficiencies.

Ms. Garcia advised Council received information on three options the Borough Engineer created for a new Police station in their packets. A discussion on the options ensued. A motion made by Mr. Woodring to choose option 1. Second by Mr. Bracken. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

A motion made by Mr. Bracken authorizing the Borough Manger to begin funding research. Second by Mr. Snyder.

Council President Burke appointed three Council members; Mr. Bracken, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Palinkas; creating a finance committee for the new Police station.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised he had another part-time officer resign.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers asked if he could have the empty newspaper boxes around the Borough removed. Per Solicitor Margle, Public Works may remove them.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Solicitor Margle advised the Quality of Life Ordinance has been completed and will be presented at the next Council meeting.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

The Celebration Committee in conjunction with the Lions Club 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 April 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm, at the Avona Field house, to discuss building maintenance.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he attended the Zoning hearing on March 22, 2022, for a property at 818 S 25th St. Solicitor Margle suggested some conditions be attached to any grant of variances.

MECAB:

The next meeting will be held on March 30, 2022, at Freemansburg Borough Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1266, Livable Landscape Grant for Tennis Courts made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

A motion to approve Resolution#1267, C2P2 Grant for Tennis Courts 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. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Joy Sung and Mr. Hal Moore of 2144 Freemaansburg Ave. and Mr. Daryll Fuller of 2244 Freemansburg Ave. addressed Council about an issue they have with the alley way know as Mary's alley. Public works Superintendent, Mr. Flowers will take a look at the situation.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$109,842.52. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Verenna. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:56 pm and returned from Caucus at 8:41 pm.

Solicitor Margle advised matters pertaining to pending litigation and others as allowed by the Sunshine Act were discussed in caucus.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Palinkas made a Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER