

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
April 25, 2022

The second meeting of April 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	James McGowan

ABSENT:

NONE

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the Meeting minutes from April 11, 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.

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Mr. Verenna to approve Resolution # 1269 – Establishing LERTA Boundaries. Second by Mr. Bracken. 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:

Mr. Armando Moritz-Chapelliquen of 1945 Lehigh Street submitted a letter of interest for the open Planning Commission seat. Solicitor Margle and Council interviewed the applicant. A motion to approve Mr. Moritz-Chapelliquen for the Planning Commission Seat made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Snyder. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised Ms. Careen Lewert Athletic Commission member thanked Public works for a job well done fixing the Avona field house.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke advised residents to come to a Council meeting with ideas about what to do with the pool. Facebook is not the way to communicate with Government officials. Facebook it is not monitored by Council or the Borough Office.

Mr. Burke advised he would like to see committees meet at least once a quarter.

Mr. Burke asked Mr. Woodring if there is any update on the 20-year Comprehensive plan. Mr. Woodring stated no.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he will be hosting a picnic on May 15, 2022, at the pavilions for all Borough employees and their families.

Mayor Barrett advised a movie screen has been purchased and the Celebration Committee is ready for the first movie in the park, Encanto, on May 14, 2022.

Mayor Barrett advised he cannot fire UGI, they are a public utility. If residents see something being done improperly they should call the Police.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested that Council approve Civil Service changes. Past Civil Service Commissions had voted changes to the Rules and Regulations, but never changed the document or received Council's approval. Ms. Gable requested to have this tabled till the next meeting so that Council can read the changes. Ms. Garcia provided all with old relined Rules and Regulations and corrected ones as well.

Ms. Garcia advised she received an email from T&M advising they will begin Phase 1 of the Police/Administration Building which will entail performing a due diligence review. Mr. Garcia will speak to Solicitor Margle about the purchase.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised that 10 out of 12 surveillance cameras have been replaced.

Chief Meehan advised that the Liquor Control Board hearing for Spanky's liquor license is up for renewal. Any residents that would like to express concerns should appear.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to place the retired fire truck on Municibid. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Palinkas. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

The Celebration Committee will be holding a Spring Community Yard Sale at Meuser Park on May 14, 2022, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Celebration Committee will be hosting Movies in the Park on the evening of May 14, 2022.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

A motion to go out for bid on the scoreboard made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. 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.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

A motion to approve Ordinance #808 – Quality of Life for advertisement made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Woodring. 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Leonard VanHorn of 1712 Wood Avenue stated he received a letter to clean up his property by March 28, 2022. He stated he lives alone and will need time. The Code Officer advised he will be happy to work with him and give him more time to clean it up.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street asked if the Borough has any help for people like Mr. VanHorn that can't afford help or an attorney. Solicitor Margle advised someone should contact the County and he gave a number for free legal counsel.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$450,368.78 A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. 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:

Council entered into Caucus at 8:18 pm and returned from Caucus at 8:42 pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER