

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 22, 2019

The second meeting of July of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. President Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

James McGowan
Jeffrey Bracken
Pamela Taylor
John Burke

Justin Woodring
Tony Verenna
Russ Lipari

ABSENT: Scott Palinkas, David Jones

Also present were: Police Chief Christian Meehan, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Code Officer Paul Corriere, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Borough Manager Jill Garcia and Acting Superintendent of Public Works Eric Flowers.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE FIGHTER ROBERT LEWULLIS

Robert Lewullis was sworn in as Probationary Fire Fighter by Mayor Barrett.

Fire Chief Joseph Sipel announced Josue Castellano, Matt Leidy and Patrick Smith graduated Fire Fighter One class on July 17, 2019.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna advised he received a resignation letter from Scott Palinkas. Mr. Palinkas resigned from the Recreation Board as well as the 2020 Committee. Solicitor Margle advised a resignation cannot be effective until it is accepted and voted on by Borough Council. A motion made by Mr. Woodring to accept the resignation. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved. Solicitor Margle will notify Mr. Palinkas and the Recreation Board of action taken by Borough Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett addressed comments made about the recording of the Council meetings. Mayor Barrett advised he is using his personal equipment and is happy to take any recommendations on how to correct the issues.

Mayor Barrett reached out to Chief Sipel this week about placing sprinklers on our hydrants due to excessive heat and the pool being close. Chief Sipel advised the Fire Department does not have the proper equipment to do so.

Mayor Barrett advised Easton Hospital will be partnering with St. Luke's Hospital. Mayor Barrett will be meeting with representatives from both hospitals to discuss helping with the 2020 Celebration as well as keeping the Borough up to date on the hospital's intentions and how they will continue to service the Borough.

Mayor Barrett advised he had a handicap spot request for S 23rd St. Currently there are two spots. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to approve the handicap spot. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia received a letter and proof of Insurance submitted by Lidl as requested by Council at the previous Council meeting. Solicitor Margle commented that the Insurance does not state this event is a covered event. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve the movie night contingent upon receiving proof of insurance stating the movie event is a covered event. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia advised a flyer advertising a football league meeting and practice at Fisk Field was discovered. Signs advising anyone who wishes to use Fisk Field must have permission from the Borough, are to be put in place. No organized sports outside of Wilson Youth should be allowed to use the field. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan presented the new Vehicle and Traffic Ordinances and would like Council to review them and be ready to vote at the next Council meeting.

Chief Meehan presented an amendment to the Police Department contract involving School Resource Officers and an additional Police Officer only. A motion to approve the amendment to the Police contract made by Mr. Burke. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Raymond Reed as a part-time call Fire Fighter. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to hire. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Garcia presented an Intragovernmental Cooperation Act; Title 53 Section 2301, with Palmer Township. This will allow Palmer Township to cut back the bike bath and provide to and receive assistance from Wilson Borough. A motion to advertise the Ordinance made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Burke advised the next 2020 Committee meeting is Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7pm.

Solicitor Margle attended the last 2020 committee meeting on July 11, 2019. Solicitor Margle advised he heard from two sources that one of the attendees at the meeting was recording the statements being made by Solicitor Margle as well as others at the 2020 Committee meeting. It was not an advertised public meeting and recording individuals without their consent is not only illegal; in some circumstances it is a felony punishable by more than a year in jail. Mr. Burke and Mayor Barrett also advised they were made aware of the recording after the meeting and have an idea as to who did the recording.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Recreation Board Ordinance is in the process of being advertised.

Solicitor Margle advised the Code of Conduct does not need to be advertised. Solicitor Margle advised a copy should be given to each Councilperson to review and vote at the next Council meeting.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

On vacation July and August.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$455,210.43. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:50 pm and excised at 8:07 pm.

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Second by Mr. Burke and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER