

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 14, 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	James McGowan
Jeffrey Bracken	Scott Palinkas	

ABSENT:

Russell Lipari

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, 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 28, 2022. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised Cornerstone Church would like to use both pavilions and bandshell for bible school beginning June 27, 2022, running through July 1, 2022, from 9 am to 12 pm daily. Since the church is a non-profit, they would be charged the \$25 per day per facility and \$100 cleaning deposit per facility used and must present a \$1 million liability policy naming the Borough, Borough Council and Borough Employees as additional insured. A motion to approve made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, 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 thanked Holly & Frank for the little library located next to the food box at the Fire Station. The mayor advised the Lions Club will be donating 3 more little libraries to place in various locations throughout the Borough.

Mayor Barrett advised he received an application for a handicap parking space at 820 Louis St. Chief Meehan advised the resident does have off street parking however, due to a medical condition that prohibits walking she is asking for a spot in front of her home, which is much closer to her front door. A motion to approve made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested Council's approval to go out for bid for ADA Ramp, Mill and Overlay of portions of Balata, 4th, 2nd, and 3rd Sts. using the CCBG 2020 grant. A motion to approve made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers asked Council's permission to place the vehicle lift located in the Public Works garage on Municibid. Council advised against it, stating that it may need to be used at later time and they would not want to purchase a new one at a higher cost.

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. There is discussion on having a breakfast before the hunt and Mr. Burke will advise Council at the next meeting.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

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

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Machado advised there will be a Zoning meeting held on March 22, 2022 at 7 pm in reference to the property at 818 S 25th St. Legal advertisement has been placed and the Borough Solicitor will be attending the meeting on behalf of Council.

ATTORNEY:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Borough Engineers have completed setbacks and storm water management research for the 2017 Hay Terrace building. They will begin estimating cost 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1265 Statewide Local Share Grant Request for a FD Rescue Truck made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Ms. Gable. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Charlie Wacik of 1532 Washington St. advised he has kids in the alley behind his home playing basketball in the street and damaging his garage doors and spouting. Chief Meehan advised he would investigate it for him.

Mr. Mike Shannon of 2230 Fox Run suggested a dog park be put on the grounds of the pool once it has been filled it.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest St. Rear advised she received a list of business from a Councilman last meeting, and she feels that it is Council's responsibility to contact Borough business to solicit donations, not herself.

Ms. Rena Haynes of 1920 Lehigh St. Apt. E1N requested permission to host a breakfast in one of the park pavilions on April 30, 2022, for her colleagues and a concert in the band shell on Auge 6, 2022 as fundraiser for breast cancer under her daughter's foundation name, Shyne 4 Life Foundation Inc. Solicitor Margle requested documented proof of the Foundation's 501C3 and liability insurance. This has been tabled until requested documents are received.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$190,099.33. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. McGowan. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:45pm and returned from Caucus at 8:30 pm.

Solicitor Margle advised matters pertaining to a real estate and pending litigation were discussed in caucus.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Second by Mr. Snyder and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER