

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
June 13, 2022

The first meeting of June the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. Council President John Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

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

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 Ms. Gable to approve the Meeting minutes from May 23, 2022. Second by Mr. McGowan. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Snyder, 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 advised residents have inquired about having Hometown Hero banners placed on poles around the Borough. Residents Mr. Rodney Nace and Mr. Barry Willever will be working with the Mayor on the project.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested Council's approval to hire Noah Wallaesa as summer help in the Public Works Department. A motion to approve 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. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. Snyder. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised she received three applications for the full-time public works position and requested Council's permission to interview all three candidates with the Public Works Committee and Department Supervisor. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari with the condition that a CDL permit must be obtained not later than 30 days after a candidate is offered the position. 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. Verenna, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Woodring stated the comprehensive plan was discussed at the last meeting and there is no date set for the next meeting.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

Mr. Lipari advised at the last meeting the Committee discussed raising the amount of Police Officers to 22. As of now there are 16 full-time Officers and 2 Part-time. The Committee made a recommendation to Council to hire more full-time Officers.

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Verenna advised he is working with Mr. Flowers and T&M Associates (Borough Engineers) to obtain free fill to fill in the old swimming pool.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised of a comedy night fundraiser for the Celebration Committee on July 16, 2022, at the Brown and Lynch American Legion.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle requested Council's permission to appear at the next Northampton County Council meeting on June 16, 2022 to express the Borough's strong support of the potential buyer of the Dixie building and also to approve the LERTA at the former Dixie Building property. A motion to approve made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Snyder. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Solicitor Margle advised an agreement is in its final stages in relation to the bike bath and access from the area behind the 25<sup>th</sup> Street shopping center. There will be an access point taking the traffic out of the Borough on to 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Solicitor Margle requested a motion to authorize the formal approval of the final draft of the agreement. The agreement will not be executed until signed by Council. Motion made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna advised the Mayor of West Easton, Mr. Daniel DePaul contacted him and is looking for support as Borough's Mayor of the Year at the PSAB fall conference.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Rodney Nace of 807 Balata St. reported issues with handicap access at the corner of Hay and S. 25<sup>th</sup> Streets. He advised there is a trailer blocking the ramp and he cannot use his wheelchair or scooter. He also stated the traffic button on 25<sup>th</sup> Street does not work.

Ms. Helen Morello of 612 Rose Inn Ave., Nazareth, and Ms. Jackie Kratzer of 2491 Lincoln Ave. discussed the feral cat issues on the bike path. They presented information to Council about FURR – Feline Urban Rescue & Rehabilitation.

Ms. Stephanie Douvier of 2414 Freemansburg Ave. expressed concerns over fireworks and what can be done about them. Chief Meehan explained that unless an Officer witnesses the act there is nothing the Police can do.

Mr. David Nye of 2611 Nicole Ln. and Mr. Zach Austin of 2306 Hay St. requested Council's permission to use Jeffery Field for 2 tournaments: June 24-25 (No Wilson players will be present.) and July 7-9. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve with appropriate insurance certificate. Second by Mr. Snyder. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$258,328.00 A motion to approve the bills made Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER