

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
August 8, 2022

The first meeting of August of 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	Kurt Snyder	Russell Lipari
James McGowan	Tony Verenna	

ABSENT:

Jeffrey Bracken

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 July 25, 2022. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he would like Council's permission to begin the Hometown Hero Banner process. These banners will be double sided, placed on the Borough light poles on Washington Blvd. and if there is enough interest, additional banners can be placed throughout the park. A motion to approve by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, 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 advised she received three bids for Paving of Ferry and 19th Streets. The lowest bid was \$99,000 from Capital Paving Contractors. A motion to award the bid pursuant to the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, 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:

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to hire Ms. Michelle Brown as a crossing guard. A motion to approve by Mr. Snyder. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Burke advised he investigated opening fire hydrants with sprinklers in certain locations throughout the Borough when the heat index reaches 95 or higher. Mr. Burke advised ESWA would not charge for the water use and there are ways to reduce the water flow coming out of the hydrant. The Borough will need to consider which employees will tend to the open hydrants and what the associated costs will be. A motion to allow Public Works to research this for next summer made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the committee discussed several topics including a citation appeals board, Air-BnB Ordinance and a Fireworks Ordinance.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Next meeting will be held August 18, 2022.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Code Officer Machado advised the next Zoning Hearing is scheduled for August 23, 2022. Applicant is TPM Properties located at 1832 Butler St. and Taco Bell located at 2420 Northampton St.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised there are still open seats on the Planning Commission and advised Council to include background checks for potential Commissioners.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna asked Ms. Jones how sewer collections efforts are going. Ms. Jones advised there are 626 past due accounts totaling \$206,082.70 including penalties of \$10,102.15.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Gable suggested Council consider adding splash pads to Meuser and Liberty Parks. A motion to begin researching the process made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Charlie Wacik of 1532 Washington Street expressed his concerns with parking issue throughout the Borough.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street Rear thanked Council for moving forward with the Hometown Hero banners and expressed her appreciation for looking into opening fire hydrants and splash pads at the parks.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$114,400.44 A motion to approve the bills made Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 8:30 pm.
Council Meeting resumed at 8:46 pm.

Caucus was to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Second by Mr. Snyder and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASUER