

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 10, 2022

The first meeting of October 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	Russell Lipari
Justin Woodring	Kurt Snyder
James McGowan	Tony Verenna

ABSENT:

Jeffrey Bracken, Scott Palinkas, Shaun Gable

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 September 26, 2022. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NOMNE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he had received an application for a handicap parking spot on the 2200 block of Forest St. The spot meets all criteria. Mayor Barrett requested Council's permission to approve. This will be the third handicap spot on the block. A motion to approve made by Mr. Snyder. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request to close the alley behind New Eastwood between Fairview and Spruce Streets. New Eastwood will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 27, 2022, from 5 pm – 7 pm. Motion by Mr. Verenna to approve the alley closure. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to apply for a grant in conjunction with the City of Easton Police Department for new radios for cars, mobile and headquarters. A motion to approve made by Mr. Snyder. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire part-time Fire Fighter Mr. Andrew Hess. A motion to approve made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire part-time Fire Fighter Mr. Robert Bock. A motion to approve made by Mr. Snyder. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers presented Report of recent work completed and projects.

PARKS:

Mr. Lipari thanked the Celebration Committee for all the hard work they have done and hopes the festival will continue to be a success.

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be held at 6 pm on November 14, 2022, in Council Chambers.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised that the Fall Fest will be held at Meuser Park on October 13th – 15th.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Next meeting will be held on October 20, 2022, at 6 pm in the Community Center.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Zoning hearing for the Butler Street property was held on September 27, 2022, for 21 residential units and 7 commercial units on the first floor. The Zoning board approved the request by a vote of 2-1.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna requested statistics on sewer and garbage bills. Ms. Jones advised there are 209 accounts outstanding more than 30 days past due.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

A motion to approve Ordinance #809 – Stormwater Management was made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Umar Abdul-Majid of 1934 Washington Blvd. expressed concern about the dumpster at St. Jane's School. He says they empty at 3 am and would like something done about it. Ms. Garcia advised she will email the school Principal and address the issue. It was also recommended by Council and the Solicitor that Mr. Abdul-Majid contact the Principal as well.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street expressed concern about the handicap parking ordinance.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$334,271.40 A motion to approve the bills made Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. McGowan. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
MANAGER/SECRETARY