

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
August 22, 2022

The second 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	Jeffrey Bracken	

ABSENT:

Tony Verenna

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, Chief of Police Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, and Code Officer Emanuel Machado.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the Meeting minutes from August 8, 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, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia relayed a question to Council from Mr. Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library. The Friends of the Library run the snack stand during concerts and the volunteers are no longer physically able to carry the inventory to stock the snack stand. Mr. Redington requested that the Public Works employees help the Friends with this task. As long as this takes place during working hours when the crew is available, Council agreed to have Public Works lend a hand.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke announced the passing of Michael Leh, who recently worked for the Borough. He offered condolences to the family.

Mr. Burke spoke regarding the most recent Northampton County Council meeting and the County's vote to deny a LERTA for the Dixie Property.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a certified letter from Waste Management declining to extend the Borough's current trash/recycling contract which expires on 12/31/22. The Borough will need to seek bids for services starting in 2023. Motion by Mr. Snyder to have Solicitor Margle's office prepare an RFP for trash and recycling services. 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. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to approve a handicap parking spot at 1504 Spring Garden Street. Applicant meets all requirements. A motion to approve by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to approve a handicap parking spot at 804 Balata Street. Applicant meets all requirements. A motion to approve by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Snyder. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised that vendor applications for the Boro Fall Fest are due by 8/31/22. The next Committee meeting will be held on 8/25/22 at 6 pm at the Community Center.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

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 spoke regarding property at Balata St. He will be working on an agreement with the owner so that Borough engineers can begin Phase II of the assessment.

Solicitor Margle advised Borough representative met with Attorney Bender, who represents Spanky's. Some rules were put in place and the owner seems to be in compliance.

Solicitor Margle discussed an email which was received by Ms. Garcia. The email was sent by Ms. Tina Smith of Northampton County after County Council voted down the Dixie LERTA. She advised that the County is available to assist with the Dixie project for any uses other than a warehouse. She also anticipated the Borough will repeal its LERTA. Mr. Margle explained to Council that County's no vote does not impact the Borough's LERTA. Motion by Mr. Lipari to have Solicitor Margle respond to Ms. Smith's email. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Solicitor Margle will ask Ms. Smith why the Borough would repeal its LERTA and what specific help is the County willing to provide. Yes, votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Barbara Hawk of 833 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street thanked Wilson Police and Fire for keeping an eye on her home while she was out of town.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street – Rear said Spanky's should be designated as an historical building. It used to be the Forest House.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$126,633.01 A motion to approve the bills made Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Bracken. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 7:47 pm.  
Council Meeting resumed at 8:25 pm.

Caucus was to discuss potential litigation.

Motion by Mr. Woodring to send Attorney Margle to the Zoning Hearing to represent Council's position regarding development on Butler Street. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke and Mr. Woodring. No votes cast by Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Snyder. Motion failed by a vote of 3 -5.  
Council will discuss again at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Snyder made a Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
MANAGER/SECRETARY