

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 24, 2022

The second 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	Scott Palinkas
Justin Woodring	Kurt Snyder	Shaun Gable
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 October 10, 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 the next movies in the park will be held October 29, 2022, at dusk, approximately 6:30 pm at Meuser Park.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested Council's permission to go out for bid on the Mill & Overlay for Spring Garden and N. 16th Streets. A motion was made by Mr. Verenna to approve. 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.

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request from Mr. Dave Colver of Piscitello's for a directional sign at the intersection of 25th street and Route 22. Mr. Colver will be responsible for the sign purchase. A motion to approve made 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.

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request from Actuaries Foster & Foster for a cost of living increase for the Police Pension Plan retirees. The increase is based on the 2023 Social Security increase of 8.7%. Foster and Foster advises there will be no adverse effects with the increase. A motion to approve the increase 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 discussed short-staffing issues with Council.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers advised he received a quote to replace the Foreman's vehicle. Mr. Flowers requested Solicitor Margle review the quote to ensure the Borough is under no obligation to purchase.

PARKS:

NONE.

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised that Tree Lighting at Meuser park will be on November 25, 2022, from 6 pm to 9 pm.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Burke advised due to several new sports association members, the Commission will be guiding the members on how to take minutes, issue financial reports and how to run meetings.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna requested statistics on sewer and garbage bills. Ms. Jones advised she mailed 76 shut-off notices totaling \$55,458.07.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Luann Shive of 2214 Forest Street expressed concern over the third handicap parking spot issued on her block. She stated she feels it's too many and the person doesn't need one as she works and walks fine.

Mr. Charlie Wacik advised he is willing to join the planning commission if Council could change the meetings from the 1st Tuesday to the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street expressed concern about parking issues in the Borough.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$517,023.70 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:

Entered Caucus 7:59 pm

Exited Caucus at 9:01 pm

Caucus was to discuss personnel, potential litigation and Real Estate issues as permitted by the open meetings law.

A motion for Solicitor Margle to draft an agreement on option 1 made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. McGowan. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari and Mr. McGowan. No votes cast by Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion failed with a 3-5 vote.

A motion for Solicitor Margle to draft an agreement on option 2 made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Ms. Gable. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No votes cast by Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Snyder. Motion passed with a 5-3 vote.

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to appeal Zoning hearing approval made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Snyder. No Votes cast by Ms. Gable, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passes with 5-3 vote.

A motion to retain an advisor to explain the pros and cons of a Union made 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. and Mr. Verenna. No votes cast by Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER