

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
November 14, 2022

The first meeting of November 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	Jeffrey Bracken

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 Mr. McGowan to approve the Meeting minutes from October 24, 2022. 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, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from Ms. Mariah Rosenberg requesting permission to place a memorial bench in Meuser Park, at her expense. A motion to allow Mr. Flowers to review plans and placement of the bench with Ms. Rosenberg and report back to Council made by Ms. Gable. 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. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he received a request for a child at play sign to be placed on Front Street. Chief Meehan recommended placing the digital speed sign at the location.

Mayor Barrett advised the tree lighting will be held on November 25, 2022, from 6 pm to 8 pm in Meuser Park.

Mayor Barrett advised Recovery Cove is holding a coat drive. Used coats may be dropped off on Fridays.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Trash bids were due on November 11, 2022. She received one letter, from Waste Management. Ms. Garcia opened the letter from Waste Management and advised they declined to Bid. Solicitor Margle advised to advertise a second RFP. Should the Borough not receive bids within fifteen days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> advertisement of the RFP they Borough may directly approach a service provider and begin contract discussions. Solicitor Margle advised should we not receive any bids after 2<sup>nd</sup> advertisement Ms. Garcia should reach out to current provider and ask to extend the contract monthly until a new provider is obtained.

A motion to authorize an expedited 2<sup>nd</sup> RFP advertisement and should no bids be received fifteen days after advertisement Ms. Garcia may approach service providers and discuss service contracts, made by Mr. Snyder. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

A motion to appoint Ms. Gable as a liaison to Ms. Garcia for trash bids made by Mr. Snyder. Second by Mr. Verenna. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote. Ms. Gable abstained.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

All committees must have their meeting schedules to the Borough Manager by the end of November for advertisement.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

### POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested permission for a MOU Vacation/Holiday buyback due to short staffing issues. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. 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, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Chief Meehan advised Santa Delivers will be held on December 17, 2022.

### FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Part-Time Fire Fighter Mr. Vincent Fortunato. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. 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, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

### 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 next year's Borough Fall Fest will be held October 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. The next Committee meeting is on December 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

### ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Burke advised next meeting will be on November 17, 2022, at the Community Center.

### CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

### ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the appeal for the Zoning hearing held on September 27, 2022, for 1639 Butler St. property has been filed. Solicitor Margle advised the legal issues will be presented to the Court.

Solicitor Margle advised Ms. Monica Wall; Borough Engineer recommended a temporary construction easement as well as a right of way easement on a property on Lehigh Drive be obtained. Solicitor Margle advised the correspondence went out last week to the landowner and he has not yet received a response however expects to have one by the next Council meeting.

Solicitor Margle expects by next Council meeting he will have a fully executed agreement of sale outlining all the issues necessary to move toward a closing for the Balata Street property.

### MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna requested statistics on sewer and garbage bills. Ms. Jones advised current past due up to June 2022 is \$102,268.70.

A motion to establish a Police Restructuring Committee; consisting of 2 members of the public and 3 council members and advertise for letters of interest made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Mayor Barrett suggested Council revisit the Conservatorship of the Dixie Building. A motion to resume a conservatorship of the Dixie Building made by 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, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Roseanna Monk of 2213 Fairview Ave. expressed concern about traffic at Fairview Ave. and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. She would like to have a crosswalk. Public Works Superintendent Eric Flowers will look into it.

Ms. Luann Shive of 2214 Forest Street asked to have the two handicap parking spots moved one foot forward to make room for one additional vehicle to park on the block. Public Works Superintendent: Eric Flowers will investigate it.

Ms. Panama Crozier of 2042 Forest Street advised she donated a book called Those Left Behind to the Mary Meuser Library.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$222,247.98 A motion to approve the bills made Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

Entered Caucus 8:26 pm

Exited Caucus at 8:29 pm

Caucus was to discuss personnel issues as permitted by the open meetings law.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER