

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
February 27, 2023

The second meeting of February 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:

Scott Palinkas	Jeffrey Bracken	
Justin Woodring	Shaun Gable	Tony Verenna
James McGowan	John Burke	

ABSENT:

Kurt Snyder, Russell Lipari

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, Chief of Police Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, and Supervisor of Public Works Eric Flowers.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Verenna. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

Mr. Charlie Courtney Esq. of McNeese, Wallace and Nurick and Mr. Donald Haas of Bogia Engineering presented Council with their proposed plans for redevelopment of 114 acres located at 1525 Wood Ave., formerly Pfizer. They requested the Borough provide a redevelopment overlay.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Ms. Garcia advised Council on behalf of Mayor Barrett that complaints have been received about the Express Times littering the borough with papers. Solicitor Margle advised he will reach out to them.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested permission for a handicap spot to be placed at 1503 Liberty St. Applicant meets all requirements. A motion to approve made by Mr. Palinkas. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested permission to hire part time Fire Fighter Mr. Christopher Finan. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Woodring. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

A motion made by Mr. Verenna to approve the new hire contract addendum to the public works contract. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PARKS:

Mr. Burke advised he is organizing a summer program with all the athletic associations.

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be held on April 10, 2023, at 6 pm in Council chambers.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8, 2023, Movies in the Park on May 12, 2023, and the Community Yard Sale will be held on May 20, 2022, from 8 am to 12 pm.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised there was a letter of interest received for the Zoning Board Alternate from Mr. Richard Boettinger. A motion to recommend Mr. Boettinger made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Woodring. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna asked Ms. Jones for a report on the status of the late sewer and garbage bills. Ms. Jones advised there are currently 112 customers and \$84,852.11 that are currently ready to go to shut off. Ms. Jones also advised last notices, final notices and shut off notices all have the new disclaimer printed on them. Ms. Jones advised she spoke to Easton Suburban Water Authority and she is now allowed to send 30 accounts for shut off per quarter.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$34,410.34. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Library on behalf of Board member Mr. Charlie Wacik requested Council's permission to allow Ms. Garcia to advertise a vacant spot on the Library Board of Trustees. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Second by Mr. Wooding and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER