

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 13, 2023

The first meeting of March 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:

Russell Lipari	Jeffrey Bracken
Justin Woodring	Shaun Gable
John Burke	Tony Verenna

ABSENT:

Kurt Snyder, James McGowan, Scott Palinkas

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. Verenna to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he received two handicap parking requests; 2004 Freemansburg Ave, meets all criteria. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Verenna, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote; 152 S 18th St, meets all criteria. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the Spring PSAB Conference is coming up and she needs a motion to allow Council to register. A motion to approve made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised she needs a motion to allow Solicitor Margle to draft an ordinance pertaining to Airbnbs with in the Borough. A motion made by Mr. Verenna to allow Solicitor Margle to draft the ordinance. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised she requires a motion to allow Solicitor Margle to draft a sewer ordinance pertaining responsibility of the sewer line maintenance between the Borough and property owner. A motion to approve made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested permission to make a conditional offer for fulltime employment, pending background investigation, to Mr. Gregory Sales. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Chief Meehan requested permission to make a conditional offer for fulltime employment to Officer Jonathan Miller. Officer Miller is currently a part-time officer with the Borough. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

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 Mr. Frederick Boettinger was recommended for Zoning Hearing Alternate at the last Council meeting, however, Planning commission has since lost a member and Mr. Boettinger has verbally agreed to join the Planning Commission. A motion to approve Mr. Boettinger made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna asked Ms. Jones how much of the per capita tax is collected. Ms. Jones advised there were 4800 bills mailed last year and about half were paid. Mr. Verenna advised the Borough should investigate 3rd party collections in order to get 100% collected.

Mr. Verenna asked Ms. Jones how sewer garbage collections were going. Ms. Jones advised she mailed 117 Borough Shut- Off notices including the new statement approved by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 1276 – Livable Landscapes Grant is \$75,000 for the tennis and pickle ball courts. A motion to allow application for the grant by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Resolution #1277 – DCNR C2P2 Grant also for the tennis and pickle ball courts. A motion to allow application for the grant made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$339,833.52. A motion made by Mr. Verenna to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Entered Caucus at 7:44 pm.

Exited Caucus at 7:54 pm.

Caucus was to discuss personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER