

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
April 10, 2023

The first meeting of April 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:

Jeffrey Bracken	Jim McGowan
Justin Woodring	Tony Verenna
John Burke	

ABSENT:

Kurt Snyder, Russell Lipari, Scott Palinkas and Shaun Gable

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 March 27, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Verenna. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

GUEST:

Chief Bogari of the West Easton Fire Department addressed the Council thanking Chief Sipel and the entire Wilson Borough Fire Department for their assistance with the fire on Lehigh Dr.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from Girl Scout Troop #851 requesting Council's permission to clean the bike path as a project. This would be done April 22, 2023, from 9-11am. A motion to approve with the proof of proper liability insurance made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke thanked Chief Sipel and the entire Fire Department for actions taken during the Lehigh Dr. fire.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised of a handicap parking application for 2119 Northampton St. There are no handicap spots currently and applicant meets all criteria. A motion to approve by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Woodring. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Mayor Barrett advised the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success this year and thanked Bridget Barrett for stuffing 3500 eggs single handedly.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the 2023 Audit is complete and passed with flying colors. Mr. Burke thanks Ms. Garcia and her staff for doing an amazing job.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel thanked Council and Ms. Garcia for checking in on the Fire Fighters during the Lehigh Dr. fire. Chief Sipel is happy to report that not one fire fighter from Wilson or any other department was hurt during the fire. Wilson fire department was on the scene within 4 minutes and 50 seconds of the call being dispatched. Chief Sipel also wanted to thank Mr. Jeff Lewert Deputy EMC/Public Works Foreman for all he did during the fire. He was a great support.

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be held on May 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm in Council chambers.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Community Yard Sale will be held on May 20, 2022, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Ms. Jones advised everything is running smoothly with Zoning and Code. The Office staff is very happy with the new code officer and the work he is performing.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Zoning Hearing Board found in favor of the food truck placement at 1503 Northampton St. with the special exception being granted to the specific food truck, not the location.

MECAB:

Next meeting will be held in June 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bracken suggested, in reference to the revision of the handicap ordinance, issuing 2 handicap spots and 1 disabled veteran spot per block.

Chief Meehan suggested creating a handicap parking waiting list if there are already 3 on a block. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Woodring. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$254,900.03 A motion made by Mr. Verenna to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER