

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
April 24, 2023

The second 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	Scott Palinkas
Justin Woodring	Tony Verenna	Shaun Gable
John Burke	Russell Lipari	

ABSENT:

Kurt Snyder

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 April 10, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

SWEARING IN:

Mayor Barrett performed the swearing in of the Bourgh's two new Full-Time Police Officers, Mr. Gregory Sales and Mr. Jonathan Miller.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from United Fellowship Church requesting the closure of the north side of Washington Blvd from 21st to 22nd Streets to hold a Strawberry Festival on June 17, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Verenna. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request from Northampton Pool and Patio for a business directional sign to be placed on a pole at Wood and Northampton Streets. Northampton Pool and Patio will be responsible for the cost. A motion to approve placement 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. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised the Police committee discussed accreditation and adding an administrative position to the Police Department.

FIRE:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Movies in the Park will be held on May 12, 2023, featuring Turning Red. Community Yard Sale will be held on May 20, 2022, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Bracken suggested any association requesting funds from the Athletic Commission should be required to refund the Commission twenty-five percent of the funds they received.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Wood Ave. (Pfizer) site is finalizing plans and will be presented to Council soon.

Solicitor Margle advised Beatty on Lehigh Drive was sent a Notice of Violation and Council will need to take action at next meeting to acquire the easement.

Solicitor Margle requested the Council's permission to draft a resolution allowing Mr. Richard Wamsley, Borough Rental Administrator, to write and sign citations. 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. No votes cast by Mr. Palinkas and Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 6-2 vote.

MECAB:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$438,431.78. 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. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Agnes Gallagher of 2146 Hay St. expressed concerns about cars parked on the street and not moving for days.

CAUCUS:

Enter caucus at 7:57 pm

Ended caucus at 8:31 pm

A motion made by Mr. Bracken to hire Mr. Luis Rodriguez for an open public works position, pending background, drug test and physical. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

A motion made by Mr. Bracken to hire Mr. James Carroll for an open public works position, pending background, drug test and physical. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

The caucus was held to discuss Labor, Real Estate and Litigation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Second by Mr. Woodring and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER