

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 22, 2023

The second meeting of May 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:

Jim McGowan	Scott Palinkas	Jeffrey Bracken
Justin Woodring	Tony Verenna	
John Burke	Russell Lipari	

ABSENT:

Kurt Snyder, 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 May 8, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

United Fellowship Lutheran Church requested two directional signs to be placed at their cost. Motion to approve made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised Iron Pigs Charities awarded the Borough a \$10,000 grant for the Jeffrey Field backstop.

Ms. Garcia advised the Borough received \$110,000 from a gaming grant that will pay for a new playset at Wildon Park.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Mr. Javon Evans as a call Fire Fighter. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Burke advised that at the last meeting, held on May 18, 2023, the committee reviewed the first draft of the Commission by-laws. Mr. Burke states the by-laws should be ready to present to the Council in the next month or two.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Zoning hearing will be held in Council Chambers on May 23, 2023, at 7 pm. Hearing is for 2205 Lehigh St.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he will have a draft Resolution ready for approval at the next Council Meeting which will allow Mr. Richard Wamsley to prepare and execute citations for rental and business license issues.

MECAB:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$240,549.37. 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, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Enter caucus at 7:17 pm.
Ended caucus at 7:47 pm.

The caucus was held to discuss Potential Litigation and Personnel Matters.

A motion made by Mr. Verenna to authorize contracting a Labor Attorney/Arbitrator. Second by Mr. Verenna. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bracken made a Motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Second by Mr. Verenna and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER