

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
June 12, 2023

The first meeting of June 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	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 May 22, 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.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request from the Avona Volunteer Fire Company requesting the closure of Balata Street from the intersection of Balata and Front Street to the Alleyway for their annual picnic, to be held on September 06, 2023, from 11am to 6 pm. 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 for additional directional signs for United Fellowship Lutheran Church, to be placed at Butler & 22nd Streets. 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, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

Ms. Hope Hurd requested that the 1800 block of Fairview Ave. be closed on July 4, 2023, from 7 am to 8 pm for the annual block party. A motion to approve was 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. 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 requested Council's permission to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Nicholas Basense as a full time Police Officer. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. 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.

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Anthony Moser as a full time Police Officer. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. 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.

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to make a conditional offer of employment to Ms. Skye Esterly as a full time Police Officer. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. 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.

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Eric Lopez as a full time Police Officer. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. 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.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Lipari expressed concern with fire damaged properties at 425 and 427 Stanley Street. Ms. Jones advised she will speak to the Code Officer.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised 2205 Lehigh St. LLC appeared before the Planning Commission and received a favorable recommendation from the Commission. Plans should be ready for Council to review at the next Council meeting.

Solicitor Margle advised a revised Land Develop Plan should be ready for Council to review in July for the Wood Avenue property.

Solicitor Margle advised the environmental report conducted by the perspective buyer of the property located near Lehigh St passed inspection.

Solicitor Margle advised closing on the Balata Street property will be held on June 30, 2023.

MECAB:

Last meeting was held on June 2, 2023

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution # 1277 – giving Mr. Richard Wamsley the authority to sign citations for Business Privilege and Rental Program violations was made by Mr. Verenna. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. Palinkas. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$374,052.32. A motion made by Mr. Verenna to approve the bills. 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.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Enter caucus at 7:55 pm.
Ended caucus at 8:00 pm.

The caucus was held to discuss potential Real Estate transactions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER