

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
June 26, 2023

The second 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:

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| Kurt Snyder     | Scott Palinkas | Jeffrey Bracken |
| Justin Woodring | Tony Verenna   | Shaun Gable     |
| John Burke      | Russell Lipari |                 |

ABSENT:

James McGowan

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, Chief of Police Christian Meehan and Supervisor of Public Works Eric Flowers.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Woodring made a motion to create a Comprehensive Plan Committee consisting of 7 members including, Council, Planning, Zoning, and residents of the Borough. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised there will be a Bike Safety Program at Wilson High School on August 9, 2023, from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Chief Meehan requested the Solicitor Margle reach out to the School District about the Crossing Guard issue.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Flowers requested the Council's permission to hire Mr. Ryan Carroll as summer help. A motion to approve made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Ms. Gable. 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 by Mr. Snyder. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

An App will be coming soon for the Borough Fall Fest.

Bingo will be held on September 9, 2023 at the Community Center

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

A Zoning Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7 pm. A motion made by Mr. Woodring to have a Council representative appear at the Zoning Hearing. Second by Mr. Palinkas. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

A motion to have the Solicitor appear at the Zoning Hearing was made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Bracken. 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 by Mr. Snyder. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle submitted the Airbnb ordinance to the Council to review for the next Council Meeting.

Solicitor Margle advised Council may want to defer the acquisition of a property until the end of 2023 for a variety of reasons. Solicitor Margle does not recommend doing so unless the Borough can continue to occupy and improve the property as if the Borough did own it effective beginning July 2023, as to not lose any time. Ms. Garcia advised deferring the acquisition, as it is a better decision for the Borough financially.

Solicitor Margle advised he has confirmed with the current owner that the Borough will be allowed to gain access and occupancy to improve the property. Solicitor Margle also advised that any monies paid under a lease/purchase agreement will be applied to the purchase price.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$44,846.62. A motion made by Mr. Verenna to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER