

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 10, 2023

The first meeting of July 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:

Kurt Snyder	Scott Palinkas	Jeffrey Bracken
Justin Woodring	Tony Verenna	Shaun Gable
John Burke	James McGowan	

ABSENT: Russell Lipari

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, Fire Chief Joe Sipel.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, 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:

Mayor Barrett addressed his message about closing Wilson parks during Easton's Heritage Day Fireworks. He decided to keep the parks closed at their normal time, dusk, due to the short notice and not having enough Police presence. Since then the fireworks were cancelled and rescheduled for July 14, 2023. A motion to allow the parks to remain open and adding Police coverage at the discretion of the Police Chief made by Mr. Snyder. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Woodring advised he is looking for interested individuals from Wilson's community and businesses to join the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel advised St. Luke's Hospital donated 5 new AEDs to the Fire Department.

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Next meeting will be on July 20, 2023, at 6 pm.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he will be holding a meeting in his office on August 15, 2023, at 11 am to discuss the potential purchase of the Dixie property. He suggested a motion to have no more than 4 Council members attend the meeting.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to tear down the old water building made by Mr. Verenna. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$382,723.04. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Verenna and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Cheryl Conradi of 2122 Spring Garden St. advised there are large dead tree branches falling on the walking path near her house. She stated the trees cannot be seen from the walking path however, Public Works Employees from the Borough are welcome to enter her yard to see them. Ms. Conradi also requested a trash can be placed on the walking path near her home, hoping it might eliminate some of the trash.

Mr. Kevin Kennedy of 30 N 21st St. suggested speaking to Easton Police Department about covering the parks for Heritage Day fireworks.

Ms. Kelly Kempf of 2442 Alder St. said more trash cans need to be placed on the walking path, crosswalks need to be painted and the litter on the walking path especially under 24th Street is very bad.

CAUCUS:

Enter 7:40 pm
Exited 8:17 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Snyder made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Second by Ms. Gable and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER