

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 09, 2023

The first meeting of October 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:

Scott Palinkas	Tony Verenna
Justin Woodring	John Burke
Shaun Gable	Jeffrey Bracken

ABSENT:

Russel Lipari

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Woodring to approve the minutes from the October 09, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Palinkas. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

GUEST:

Mr. Daniel Redington presented the 2024 budget for the Mary Meuser Memorial Library. The Library Board requested a \$2000 contribution increase for budget year 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council will need to appoint a member of Council to the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority to replace Mr. McGowan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised the \$255,000 grant the Police Department received paid for all of the department's new radios.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Mr. Corey Weidaw as a Call Firefighter. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Gable. Seconded by Ms. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

Ms. Garica advised the Borough has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from DCNR C2P2 for the Meuser Park pickleball/tennis court rehabilitation project.

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Borough Fall Fest will be held on October 12th, 13th & 14th.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

A motion to dissolve the Athletic Commission and appoint 1 person from the Parks Committee to be a liaison was made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Verenna. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Verenna. No votes cast by Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable and Mr. Woodring. Motion tied 3-3. Mayor Barrett broke the tie by voting Yes. Motion passed.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Balata Street property agreement has been signed by the owner.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to advertise Mr. James McGowan's seat on Council made by Ms. Gable and seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCES:

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance #811-Fats Oil & Grease made by Mr. Verenna. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$391,383.19 A motion to approve was made by Mr. Verenna. Seconded by Ms. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Wilfredo Rodriguez of 1915 Northampton St. expressed interest in joining the Basketball Association.

CAUCUS:

A motion to enter into Caucus made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously agreed.

Enter Caucus at 7:44 pm.

Exit Caucus at 8:44 pm.

The Caucus was held to discuss personnel matters.

A motion to discharge employee #000192 was made by Mr. Bracken and seconded by Mr. Verenna. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Woodring made a Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Second by Ms. Gable and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER