

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 25, 2023

The second meeting of September 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 (via phone)
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 September 11, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Bracken. 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. Jeffrey Young, Executive Director and Mr. Brian Dunlap, Director of Finance for Suburban EMS appealed to Council to help fund their services by asking the Borough to pay \$63,000 per year starting in 2024. Council decided to table the discussion until more information can be obtained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request from the Wilson Democratic Association asking to close the portion of alley behind their building to host an event with B.A.C. K. (Bikers Against Cop Killers). The event will be held on October 14, 2023, 2pm – 8pm. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Palinkas. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke advised there were two letters of interest received for the vacant Council seat. A motion was made by Mr. Bracken for Mr. Michael Figueroa to fill the vacancy. Motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Woodring for Ms. Robin Davis to fill the vacancy. Second by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Woodring. No votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Buke and Mr. Verenna. The vote was tied. Mayor Barrett broke the tie voting no. Motion did not pass.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised she received three bids for the Forest Street paving project. First bid was from H & K Group for \$171,555.50. Second bid was from Barker and Barker for \$150,936.50. Third bid was from GoreCon for \$128,586.04. A motion to award the Forest Street paving contract to GoreCon made by Mr. Verenna. Second by Mr. Bracken. 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Mr. Louis Castillo as a Call Firefighter. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Woodring. Seconded by Ms. Gable. 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:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be held October 9, 2023.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION:

Athletic Commission approved their by-laws. Council received a copy to review and a discussion will be held at the next Council meeting.

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

A motion to approve advertisement of the proposed FOG Ordinance made by Mr. Palinkas. 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:

A motion by Mr. Palinkas to approve Resolution #1281. Resolution #1281 adopts the Decision, Analysis and Findings of Mr. Walt De Treux, Esquire and directs that Officer Thomas Migliore's Heart and Lung Act Benefits be terminated as of this date. Second by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$289,804.91. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Woodring. Seconded by Ms. Gable. 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:

Ms. Kathy Horninger of 1547 Lehigh St. expressed concern about garages located on Spruce and 16th Streets; too many cars parking on the street and a lot of them are not running or out of inspection.

CAUCUS:

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

Enter Caucus at 8:22 pm

Exit Caucus at 9:33 pm

The Caucus was held to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Woodring made a Motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Second by Ms. Gable and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER