

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
November 27, 2023

The second meeting of November 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	Charles Wacik	Russell Lipari
Justin Woodring	John Burke	
Shaun Gable	Jeffrey Bracken	

ABSENT:

Tony Verenna

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. Wacik to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023, meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke expressed condolences on behalf of Council for the death of Mr. Matthew Dees, a West Easton Borough Councilman.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barret advised the tree lighting will take place December 1, 2023, at 6 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to approve the Public Works Supervisor contract extension for 1 year. Motion made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to approve the Public Works Foreman new contract for 1 year. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to adopt the advertised 2024 Budget. A motion was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. Palinkas. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to accept the Department of Justice grant of \$119,000 to begin accreditation for the Police Department. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised amendments to the agreement for the Balata Street property have been made and all the suggestions Council made at the November 13, 2023, Council meeting will be implemented and resolved.

Solicitor Margle advised he received a voicemail from Ms. Linda Dietrich, Commercial Real Estate Appraiser, who has been hired by the potential buyer of the Dixie building to prepare and submit for lending and Municipal purposed the TIF (Tax Increment Financing Guarantee) report. Solicitor Margle advised the current TIF is available until 2027.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

A motion to adopt Ordinance #813 – Fee Schedule Amendment made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #815 – 2024 Real Estate Tax Millage made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. Palinkas. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$31,816.84. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Seconded by Mr. Wacik and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER