

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
February 12, 2024

The first meeting of February 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:

Russell Lipari	Susan Allen	Kimberlee Muzac
John Burke	Shaun Gable	Jeffrey Bracken
Charlie Wacik		

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas, Justin Woodring

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 January 22, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

Mr. Steve Newton of the Wilson Midget Football association requested Council's permission to use Fisk Field for practices only for a spring tackle league. Games will be taking place in New Jersey. A motion made by Ms. Gable to allow the use of Fisk Field on the condition that all parental waivers are signed, and background checks are completed. Seconded by Ms. Muzac. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Mr. Bracken abstained. Motion passed with a 6-0-1 vote. Ms. Garcia is in communications with the Borough insurance provider to ensure the kids will be covered in an out of state league. She will advise at a later date.

PRP PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. David Seiple of the Forks Area Art Society would like to host Art in the Park on June 22, 2024. Mr. Lipari made a motion to allow the use of the park. Seconded by Ms. Gable with the condition they come before Council each year to get permission. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke advised Mr. Bracken, Ms. Allen and Mr. Palinkas have been appointed to the Contract Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested Council's permission to advertise for bids on the Traffic signals and ADA ramps at 18th and Northampton Streets. This project is part of a Penn DOT Green Light Go Grant. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised all new Council members they need to register for NIMS 100 & 700 Training and provide her with certificates when complete.

Ms. Garcia advised she had the sound system in chambers examined. New parts have been ordered but delivery is delayed. The repair estimate is \$5,200.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested a Caucus.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to begin Civil Service requirements to fill a full time fire fighter position. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire a Part-time Driver, Mr. Alex Keenhold. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. No vote cast by Ms. Gable. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 10 am in Meuser Park.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised there has been a request to merge parcels at 1723-25 Northampton St. A motion to allow subject to Borough Engineer's review and approval. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$403,989.44. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Entered caucus at 7:53pm
Returned from caucus at 8:38pm

A motion made by Ms. Gable to accept a resignation and payout employee #116 until 2/29/2024. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

A motion made by Mr. Lipari to vacate a motion made on January 22, 2022, for an additional 3% raise to a certain staff member. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. No Vote cast by Ms. Gable. Motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

A motion to classify Office Staff as Ms. Jill Garcia, Ms. Stephanie Jones, and Mr. Richard Wamsley made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with 7-0 vote.

A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor and Engineer to engage in negotiations with Mr. Beatty's attorneys and report back to Borough Council made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 9:50pm. Seconded by Ms. Gable and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER