

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
March 25, 2024

The second meeting of March 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:

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| Russell Lipari | Susan Allen     | Kimberlee Muzac |
| John Burke     | Shaun Gable     | Jeffrey Bracken |
| Scott Palinkas | Justin Woodring |                 |

ABSENT:

Charles Wacik

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. Lipari to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from United Fellowship Church requesting the use of the small pavilion at the non-profit rate, on 6/28/24 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, for their annual picnic. A motion to approve on the condition they provide proof of insurance for the event was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Ms. Muzac. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke received a request from the Soccer Association for use of Fisk Field. They will coordinate with all sports that have use of the field. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. 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, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett received an application for a handicap parking spot at 2444 Freemansburg Ave. Applicant meets all requirements. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

Ms. Gable advised the committee will meet bi-monthly with Police and Fire Departments.

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS

NONE

PARKS:

A motion to allow Public Works for now and all future occurrences, to remove Cat shelters that are located on Borough property, in the interest of public health, safety and welfare of the Borough residents made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke requested Council's permission to approve the Celebrate Wilson events calendar for 2024 and the use of Meuser park for those events. 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, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle requested a motion to advertise Ordinance #816, acquisition of property on Lehigh Drive by condemnation. Motion by Mr. Woodring. Seconded by Mr. Palinkas. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

Solicitor Margle advised the potential buyers of the Dixie property have retained attorneys.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$233,072.48. 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, Mr. Palinkas, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Seiple of the Forks Area Art Society read a letter addressed to Borough Council, expressing his dissatisfaction with the fees vendors are required to pay in order to sell their art in Meuser Park during the Forks Art in the Park Event . Mr. Seiple also accused office staff of altering approved Council meeting minutes. Council made no motion to change the requirements. In order to have an event in Meuser Park each vendor must obtain a business license in the amount of \$60 and show proof of liability insurance.

Mr. McCarty of 2339 2<sup>nd</sup> St. expressed concerns with drugs in his neighborhood. Council suggested he speak with Chief Meehan after the meeting.

CAUCUS:

Entered 8:10 pm.

Exit 8:20 pm.

The caucus was held to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Gable and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER