

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
April 08, 2024

The first meeting of April 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 Vice-President Russell Lipari called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Russell Lipari	Susan Allen
Justin Woodring	Jeffrey Bracken via Phone
Charlie Wacik	

ABSENT:

John Burke, Kimberlee Muzac, Shaun Gable, Scott Palinkas

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 March 25, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request from St. Jane's to hold their annual Hawk Walk on Filbert St between 19th and 20th Streets on April 26, 2024, from 7:45am to 11am. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett received an application for a handicap parking spot at 616 S. 23rd St., Apt 2. Applicant meets all requirements. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the 2023 Audit is complete and no deficiencies were found. Copies were provided to all officials and posted on the Borough website.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised the Civil Service Commission will be meeting April 17, 2024, to certify applicant list. Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to make conditional offers to four applicants, pending background checks. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Woodring. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mayor Barrett advised the Wilson Borough Spring Fling will be held in Meuser Park May 3, 4 & 5, 2024.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle requested a motion to allow the parcel merge at 2429 Lennox Street pending any recommendations by the Borough Engineer. Motion by Ms. Allen. Second by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Solicitor Margle advised he received a request for parcel merge at 1723-25 Northampton St. This matter has been tabled and Solicitor Margle requested applicant to appear at a Council meeting to discuss the matter further.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Barrett advised Council he was not happy with the Zoning Hearing Boards decision to allow 2 additional apartments at 1540-42 Lehigh St. with parking at 1530 Washington St. Solicitor Margle advised the applicant will have to appear before Council for a SALDO. Solicitor Margle will look into what can be done. Council has 30 days from the date of decision to file an appeal. Notice of decision was March 28, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1286, Guidelines for Warrantless Arrests, made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Ms. Allen. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$163,688.86. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Woodring Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Mark McCarty of 2339 2nd St. expressed concerns with spray painting for One Calls and roads being ripped up after being repaved.

CAUCUS:

Entered 7:53 pm.

Exit 8:25 pm.

The caucus was held to discuss potential litigation.

A motion to allow Solicitor Margle contact UGI to discuss the work to be preformed at the subject property and secondly inquire as to UGI intentions on replacing the curbing they had removed made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER