WILSON BOROUGH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA June 9, 2025

The First meeting of June 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 Shaun Gable Michael Figueroa Grace Hurd Kimberly Muzac

Susan Allen Charles Wacik Jeffrey Bracken John Burke

ABSENT:

NONE

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Public Works Supervisor Eric Flowers and Police Chief Christian Meehan.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve meeting minutes from May 12, 2025, made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised the Avona Volunteer Fire Company requested permission to hold their annual picnic on September 13, 2025, from 11am to 5 pm and requested to close Balata Street from the intersection with Front Street back to the alleyway. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Ms. Melissa Rosati of 2123 Birch St. requested Councils permission to fix and paint the snack stand at Avona Field. Council recommended Ms. Rosati acquire and present to Council three quotes on the restoration of the concrete building and an example of the mural to be painted once the snack stand exterior is repaired.

Ms. Hope Hurd and Ms. Patricia Hurd of 1803 Fairview Ave. requested Council's permission to hold the 70th annual 1800 Fairview Ave. block party on July 4, 2025, from 7 am – 10 pm. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Ms. Hurd abstained. Motion passed with an 8-0-1 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett received three handicap parking applications:

223 N 16th St. – meets all requirements. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

2059 Forest St. – meets all requirements. A motion to approve made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

2402 Lennox St. – meets all requirements. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Ms. Hurd. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Mayor Barrett requested a motion to allow the Solicitor to draft a letter explaining to Mr. James Bundro what his options are to avoid having to make two trash payments. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. No vote cast by Ms. Hurd. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council the annual audit was in their packets and questions can be directed to Ms. Garcia or the Borough Auditor Ms. Alyssa Benetz-Piripavel.

Ms. Garcia advised she received a request for the use of the pickleball courts to teach lessons. A motion to respond to the inquiry advising the Borough cannot authorize a private individual special use since the courts are for public use, by Ms. Gable. Second by Ms. Allen. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Bracken advised he will be setting a meeting with the School District, Council President and the General Government Committee.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:

POLICE:

Ms. Gable would like to meet with Police the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4 pm.

FIRE:

ATTORNEY:

Ms. Gable would like to meet with Fire the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4 pm.

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire part time firefighter Mr. Lee Herpel. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.
PUBLIC WORKS:
NONE
PARKS:
NONE
CODE COMMITEE:
Mr. Burke advised the General Government committee will take over the Police Ticketing website.
Mr. Burke advised the Code Committee discussed truck restrictions within the Borough roads.
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:
NONE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
NONE
CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:
NONE

Attorney Eric Schock of Fitzpatrick, Lentz and Bubba, presented an application for a minor subdivision of 2421-23 Forest St. The minor subdivision had a favorable recommendation at the Planning Commission meeting held on June 3, 2025. A motion to approve made by Ms. Hurd. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Hurd. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.
OLD BUSINESS:
NONE
NEW BUSINESS:
NONE
ORDINANCES:
NONE
RESOLUTIONS:
NONE
BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:
Bills were in the amount of \$274,310.11 A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.
PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:
NONE
CAUCUS
Council entered caucus at 8:40pm. Council exited caucus at 9:08pm.
Personnel and Contract issues were discussed.
ADJOURNMENT:
Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 9:11pm Second by Mr. Bracken and Council concurred.
STEPHANIE N. JONES CLERK/TREASURER

Solicitor Margle advised he met with Magistrate Yetter and advised the Magistrate Borough Council opposes donations in lieu of paying fines. A motion to allow Solicitor Margle to attend not more than three upcoming hearings regarding Residential Rental and Business Licenses citations made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Ms.