

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 14, 2025

The First meeting of July 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	Kimberlee 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 June 23, 2025, made by Mr. Wacik. 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.

GUEST:

Mr. Brian Bartee of Skyline Investment Group provided an update to Council on the progress of the Dixie building demolition and remediation. Three of the four levels are asbestos and lead free and windows will be replaced in the next few weeks. Mr. Bartee said he hopes to have the project completed by 2027. Mr. Bartee also advised he will send Council an update every two weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia received a request from the Wilson Youth Softball Association to host a softball camp at Fisk Field July 28 – 31, 2025 9:30 am to 12 pm. A motion to approve made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Ms. Gable. 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. Garcia received a request from Wilson Youth Cheer Association to place a larger shed at Meuser park for equipment storage. They will be selling the current 8x8 shed and replacing it with a 10x10 or 10x12 shed. 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. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Pastor Janet Figueroa from Church House Restoration Rosa of Saròn which holds services at 2115 Washington Blvd. requested Council’s permission to use the bandshell and pavilions at the non-profit rate on August 9, 2025, from 1 pm-5 pm. A motion to approve made by Ms. Hurd. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett requested Council’s permission for a handicap sign at 2028 Ealer Ave. The applicant meets all requirements. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bracken. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Bracken advised Police arbitration should be completed by mid-August 2025.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Mr. Bracken asked Chief Sipel if a fire truck could be posted at Meuser Park to spray kids with water on hot days. A motion to table until Solicitor Margel and Ms. Garcia investigate the legal and liability issues made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, and Mr. Wacik. No votes cast by Mr. Bracken and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 7-2 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be August 11, 2025.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mr. Burke advised he was approached by Deranged Ranch requesting to bring their highland mini cows to the Fall Fest this year. There will be no fees and they will allow patrons to pet and play with the mini cows. A motion to approve with the condition they meet all the insurance requirements made by Ms. Gable. Second by Ms. Muzac. 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.

Mr. Burke requested Council's permission to have movies in the park August 15, 2025, with a rain date of August 16, 2025. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Hurd. 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.

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Airbnb ordinance will be distributed to Council for review shortly.

Solicitor Margle asked Council's permission to allow Ms. Garcia as well as himself to finalize documentation and deeds of easements for the Dixie Project. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Ms. Gable. 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.

Solicitor Margle advised the Wood Ave. project will go before the Easton Zoning Hearing Board on August 18, 2025. A motion was made by Ms. Gable to allow Solicitor Margle, Ms. Garcia and Mr. Burke to attend the meeting. 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.

Solicitor Margle advised the Lehigh Drive issue is still with the Board of Viewers.

Solicitor Margle advised there are two litigation issues that he's confident there are no issues with and no need for a caucus. Council may speak to him directly for information.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$687,409.62. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Wacik. 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.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Richard Groff of 425 S. 21st Street had additional questions about the Dixie project.

CAUCUS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm Second by Mr. Bracken and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER