

The first meeting of September 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	Kimberly Muzac	Grace Hurd
Susan Allen	Charles Wacik	Jeffrey Bracken	John Burke

ABSENT:

Michael Figueroa

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 August 25, 2025, 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. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

Mr. Chris Cope of Entech Engineering, representing Palmer Township, provided an overview of the proposed Act 537 Sewage Facilities Update and the details of Resolution #1306, which aims to address updates and improvements to the local sewage system. A motion to approve Resolution #1306 made by Ms. Hurd. Seconded by Ms. Muzac. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett was informed that a Borough resident will soon be celebrating her 100th birthday. The Mayor was advised to prepare a proclamation in recognition of her milestone birthday to honor her long life and contributions to the community. Additionally, Mayor Barrett expressed interest in preparing a proclamation to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Easton Children’s Home, acknowledging its long-standing impact on the community and the work they have done for children over the years. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Ms. Gable. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

Mayor Barrett presented an application for a handicap parking spot at 28 S. 16th Street. The applicant has met all of the Borough’s requirements for a handicap parking space. However, there are concerns due to the limited number of available parking spaces on the block and two handicap spots currently existing on this block. A motion to approve made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Ms. Hurd. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested Council’s permission to go out to bid for the mill and overlay of 16th Street, from Ferry Street to Jefferson Street, to be funded by CDBG grant funds. A motion to approve made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Garcia requested Council's permission to hire Mr. Zakary Schneebeil full time. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

The Committee will meet September 22, 2025, at 6 pm.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

The Borough Fall Fest will be held October 10-12, 2025.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Ms. Garcia stated grant funds are being sought out.

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Zoning Hearing on September 23, 2025, for 1625 Northampton St. and 454 Warrior Ln.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the 2300 Wood Ave billboard has been approved by the Zoning Hearing Board with conditions.

Solicitor Margle advised the TIF for the Dixie project will be going to the Northampton County Council Finance Committee on September 17, 2025, and then to Northampton County Council on September 18, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bracken advised Council to review the recently presented Strategic Plan before the next Council meeting and be prepared to vote.

Mr. Bracken requested Council's permission to explore the creation of a recreation board encompassing the Borough, the School District, and Williams Township, including funding. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Second by Ms. Muzac. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

Mr. Bracken advised that a Council member attended the most recent School Board meeting and presented themselves as a Borough Council representative rather than as a private citizen. He noted that this action blindsided the School Board. He also reminded Council that, at the last meeting, it was discussed that members should attend such meetings as private, tax-paying citizens and not as Council representatives.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$321,603.03 A motion to pay the bills was 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. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Richard Groff of 425 S. 21st Street asked about an ordinance for short-term rentals.

Ms. Patricia Pavkovic of 2235 Fairview Ave. commented about the Code Officer.

Mr. Kenneth Wells of 2220 4th St. advised there has been a car parked with no inspection.

CAUCUS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Second by Ms. Allen and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER