

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
February 23, 2026

The second meeting of February 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 Jeffrey Bracken called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Shaun Gable	Susan Allen	Kimberlee Muzac	John Burke	Grace Hurd
Jeffrey Bracken	Russell Lipari	Michael Figueroa	Kendra Cooper	

ABSENT:

NONE

Motion by Ms. Gable to appoint Mr. Lincoln Treadwell as the Borough Solicitor. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, made by Ms. Allen. Second by Mr. Burke. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

A motion to approve meeting minutes from February 18, 2026, made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Ms. Muzac abstained. Motion passed with an 8-0-1 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

NONE

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Bracken advised Council that a very productive meeting regarding the Dixie project was held last week with the Borough, the Developer and Northampton County. At the County Economic Development meeting a motion was approved to provide grant funding to Skyline for the Dixie Project.

Mr. Bracken explained that the TIF plan will need to be presented to County Council again and will be voted on at a meeting in April.

Mr. Bracken stressed the need for County, the School District and the Borough to have open lines of communication regarding this project. Ms. Gable added that a tour of the facility would help with this.

Mr. Figueroa reminded Council that in previous discussions Council had agreed to bring in a TIF Consultant to review the package and suggested this is the time to do so. Funds of \$10,000 were budgeted for this in the 2026 Budget. The consultant, Mr. Gromacki has advised that his analysis will take about ten hours over ten days.

Motion by Ms. Hurd to amend the agenda to include discussion and potential action regarding the hiring of a consultant to aid in the TIF process for the Dixie Project. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Mr. Gromacki to review the Dixie TIF package at a rate of \$500 per hour. Second by Mr. Figueroa. Mr. Gromacki will begin the process by holding a meeting with Borough Representatives. Mr. Bracken suggested the General Government Committee handle this meeting. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised that during a massive fire on Northampton Street in Easton, Fire Fighter Bobby Lewullis suffered severe injuries.

Mayor Barrett reported that while traveling into work to plow for a winter storm over the weekend, long time Public Works employee Edward Segreaves perished in a head-on collision.

Mayor Barrett requested all to keep Mr. Lewullis and the family of Mr. Segreaves in their prayers and to share all fundraisers for both.

He thanked the Public Works Department for their unwavering commitment to keeping the Borough streets clear and safe. Mr. Barrett also thanked Palmer Township's Public Works for helping Wilson plow during a time of need. He thanked Chief Sipel for assisting the plowing effort after many long hours fighting the Easton fire. The Mayor thanked Pastor Peter Keady for being present and supporting the Public Works Department during the tragic loss of a fellow employee and friend.

Mayor Barrett advised Council that this Friday, Saturday and Sunday the Wilson Area School District will be presenting "Anastasia".

Council discussed sending Mr. Lewullis and Mr. Seagreaves' family letters, flowers and donations. There were also suggestions of memorial trees and street plaques.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to send flowers and a letter to Mr. Lewullis and the family of Mr. Segreaves. Second by Ms. Hurd. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised that since Council now has legal representation, she would like to revisit the Veterans Exemption letter for Mr. George Fucci requesting that the veteran residing in the Borough be exempt from property taxes due on or before August 23, 2025. The applicant requested a prorated refund of 2025 taxes paid, stating that Northampton County issued a prorated refund. The Borough has never received a request for pro-ration previously. Solicitor Treadwell advised that the letter specifies taxes due after August 23, 2025, which would be 2026 taxes.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to deny the pro-rated refund for 2025. Second by Mr. Burke. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. No vote cast by Ms. Hurd. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

The Committee has been meeting to discuss ideas and plans and will continue with meetings. Ideas will be presented to Council at a later date.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be held March 9, 2026 prior to Council.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the Celebration Committee would like to hold a Pickle Festival in the park on July 19, 2026 along with the Concert in the Park the same day. Motion to allow use of facilities by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Mr. Burke requested Council's permission for the Celebration Committee to hold the Annual Boro Fest on October 8, 9 and 10, 2026. Motion to allow use of facilities by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Hurd. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Borough staff continues to search for grants.

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Council discussed the zoning appeal from the Wilson Area School District. Concerns voiced were lighting variances and parking issues during construction. Mr. Treadwell advised that Council Members are residents and can attend the hearing and speak. Council may also take a position after the Zoning Hearing Board ruling.

ATTORNEY:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$176,207.15 A motion to approve was made by Mr. Figueroa. Second by Ms. Hurd. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Richard Groff of 425 S. 21st Street compared the Veteran's Exemption to County Assessment Appeals. He added that in the WASD matter, the District should be reminded that they will still need to go through Borough Council.

Mr. Fred Boettinger of 2495 Lincoln Street asked if Planning Commission Members can attend Zoning Board Hearings. Mr. Treadwell said yes, as a resident.

Mr. Charles Wacik of 1532 Washington Street said he understands what the Fire Department is going through right now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER