

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 11, 2026

The first meeting of May 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:

Susan Allen	Grace Hurd	Russel Lipari
Jeffrey Bracken	Michael Figueroa	Kendra Cooper

ABSENT:

John Burke, Shaun Gable and Kimberlee Muzac

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion to approve meeting minutes from April 24, 2026, by Mr. Figueroa. Second by Ms. Cooper. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed with a 6-0 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 reported that the vote on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) with Northampton County Council did not proceed as anticipated. He further advised Council that he expects to receive the report from Mr. Gromacki in the near future.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Donald Barrett acknowledged the ongoing concerns regarding e-bikes and scooters. However, he noted that the police department's ability to enforce these issues is limited under current regulations.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised that Avona Fire Company is requesting a street closure of Balata Street, from Front Street to the alleyway, on September 12, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Annual Picnic.

A motion to approve the street closure request was made by Mr. Lipari and seconded by Ms. Allen. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Figueroa requested Council's permission to hold a Borough Clean-Up Day on May 23, 2026, with a rain date of May 30, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Hurd and seconded by Ms. Cooper. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to extend a conditional offer of employment for a full-time police officer, pending completion of the background investigation.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari and seconded by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Lipari. A no vote was cast by Ms. Hurd. Motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers requested Council's permission to hire Mr. Noah Wallaesa for summer help.

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Hurd and seconded by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Figueroa advised Pickle Fest will be held at Meuser Park on July 19, 2026.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Borough staff continues to search for grants.

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Hurd advised Council that she was invited to speak at the Grover Cleveland Democratic Club on June 18, 2026, regarding a non-partisan guide to the Borough. Council President advised that she must ensure compliance with all Council and Borough guidelines.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$72,134.93. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Allen. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

A motion to cancel the advertised Council meeting to be held on May 25, 2026, made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Cooper. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

A motion to allow the Borough Manager to pay all bills through the end of May, made by Ms. Hurd. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Lynn Nunnemaker of 1853 Hay Terrace would like to attend parks meetings.

Ms. Jannice Galetzic of 40 N 18th Sreet would like to help improve parks.

Ms. Panama Crozier, of 2042 Forest Street Rear, suggested that a safety assembly program be reinstated in the schools. Mr. Crozier also requested that fire hydrants within the Borough be opened on hot days for public use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Second by Mr. Figueroa and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER