

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 27, 2015

The Second Meeting of July 2015 of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg	Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Louis Starniri
James McGowan	Pamela Taylor
Matthew Larimer	David Jones
Russell Lipari	

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Fire Chief Michael Collins and Director of Public Works Greg Drake.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 Council meeting. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Richard Siebler of 1906 Butler Street addressed Council. Mr. Siebler said his neighbor has been bullying and harassing him and recently took down Mr. Siebler's fence and cut down the posts. He has requested Mr. Corriere to help with the issues. Chief Parkansky advised Mr. Siebler that he will have to file a private prosecution with the local magistrate.

Sonia Heneley with Wilson Midget Football Cheering requested Council's permission to use the Pavilions and the Community Center for practice on wet/rainy days. After some discussion it was brought up that the band shell might be a better fit for this purpose. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow Wilson Cheering to use the band shell at Meuser Park to practice, only in the event of inclement weather. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read an email from Ashaki Gonzalez – Wilson Rec Board. Ms. Gonzalez resigned due to job commitments. She also read e-mails from Daniel Schaffer, 1935 Fairview Ave, Apt. B and Corrie Burke, 1807 Lehigh Street. Both are Borough residents who expressed an interest in being appointed to the Rec Board. Motion by Ms. Taylor to appoint Daniel Schaffer to the Rec Board. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously agreed. Motion by Mr. Lipari to appoint Corrie Burke to the Rec Board. Second by Mr. Larimer. Positive votes cast by Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Larimer, and Ms. Howey. Negative votes cast by Mr. Jones, Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Mr. Starniri. Corrie Burke was appointed to Rec Board by a 6-3 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia told Council that the Fall PSAB Conference is being held in October. Interested Council members need to notify her soon.

Ms. Garcia presented an e-mail request from David Bolton, member of the PSAB. Mr. Bolton requested the Borough to approve a resolution (called for by the General Membership of the PSAB) to fight to gain the right for patients to use medicinal cannabis in PA. Motion by Mr. Starniri to not support this resolution. Second by Mr. McGowan. Affirmative votes cast by Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. McGowan and Mr. Starniri. Negative votes cast by Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Larimer, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Taylor. Motion failed by a 4 -5 vote. Motion by Ms. Taylor to support this resolution. Second by Mr. Larimer. Affirmative votes cast by Ms. Howey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Larimer, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Taylor. Negative votes cast by Mr. Feinberg, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Starniri and Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer. Motion to approve the medicinal cannabis resolution passed by a 5-4 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Jones to appoint Stanley J. Margle, III as the Borough's Solicitor. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed.

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested Council hire Ryan Dagnall as a part time police officer pending all background checks. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Dagnall. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Parkansky informed Council that the new office for the detectives is coming along very well.

Ms. Howey said National Night Out will be held next Tuesday, August 3rd from 5pm to 8:30 pm.

FIRE:

Chief Collins stated the rescue truck will be returning to the firehouse tomorrow after the replacement of the old body.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones said the fire suppression system at Fisk Field is about 2/3 complete.

Mr. Jones also complimented the job the Public Works department did on the sidewalks on S. 25th Street along Patient First.

Mayor Perruso asked Mr. Jones and Mr. Drake to see if the Borough could have the old scoreboard from the school district.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said Mecab meetings will resume in September.

CAUCUS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$94,177.57 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Second by Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer and Council concurred.

JILL A GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY