

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 28, 2016

The Second Meeting of March 2016 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 Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

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| Tony Verenna | Pamela Taylor |
| James McGowan | Russell Lipari |
| Scott Palinkas | Daniel Schaffer |
| Louis Starniri | David Jones |
| Leonard Feinberg | |

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Fire Chief Michael Collins, Solicitor Stanley Margle and Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2016 Council meeting, with corrections. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. John Kehm, owner of Pints and Pies addressed Council regarding noise complaints from a resident. He has done much work to upgrade the bar inside and outside. Pints and Pies sponsors many clubs and charitable events. There is now a doorman every night to ensure customers do not get noisy. There are signs posted instructing patrons to keep voices down. After 10 pm, no alcohol is allowed outside. Mr. Kehm presented Council with 17 signatures of immediate neighbors that say they are not inconvenienced by the establishment. Mr. Verenna said that the Police have been to the location numerous times for complaints, but have found no violations. Chief Parkansky added that calls have declined. Mayor Perruso said he has only heard good things. Mr. Lipari pointed out that Council did hear the recording with loud foul language. Rich Monts of 2045 Northampton Street and Denise Andriotti of 2110 Northampton Street both shared their positive experiences as neighbors of Pints and Pies.

Scott Slingerland (1517 Spring Garden Street) of the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation presented Council with some ideas to improve pedestrian safety. Crosswalks and signage were addressed. Encouraging appropriate driver behavior was also mentioned. The majority of Mr. Slingerland's ideas focused on Northampton Street, which is a state highway. Ms. Garcia will speak with Mr. Drake regarding the Coalition's ideas.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso requested a handicap parking space at 205 S. 17th Street for resident Nicole Lewert. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow handicap space. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that PSAB requested a voting delegate and alternate for the spring conference. Motion by Mr. Schaffer to appoint Mr. McGowan as the voting delegate and Mr. Starniri as the alternate. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

Chief Collins reported that the ladder truck is still without a working bucket due to damage caused by the company that repaired the suspension. Once insurance issues are worked out the bucket will be made in Germany and shipped to Minnesota.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

The new slide for the pool has been ordered and Mr. Drake will work with the Borough Engineers to install.

A new manager will be hired shortly and plans will be made for a free open house. The season's rates will also be set.

Mr. Schaffer asked for a clarification regarding tax exempt status. Can sports associations use the Recreation Board's tax exempt number? Mr. Feinberg said all associations that have their own EIN should also have their own tax exempt number. Mr. Margle agreed and asked Ms. Garcia to check with the Borough's auditor as well.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle suggested that Council approve a 60 day extension of time to act on Lidl's conditional use hearing and Land Development plans. Motion by Mr. Starniri to grant a 60 day extension. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be held on March 30, 2016 at Whitehall.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

Council held a Caucus to discuss personnel matters.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$126,167.93 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Schaffer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

**JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER**