

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 9, 2016

The First Meeting of May 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:

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

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. John Kehm of Pints and Pies addressed Council regarding a serving window he would like to place outside his building for his patio customers. This will reduce the frequency of the door being opened and noise emitting from the building. The serving window will be shut at 9 pm. Mr. Corriere said there are no code issues with adding the window and Council agreed the window would be fine.

Mr. Kehm informed Council that Pints and Pies did receive a citation from the LCB for noise complaints. He asked Council to consider opting out of the LCB noise enforcement. Mr. Feinberg explained that doing so would then mean no establishments in the Borough would be covered by LCB noise enforcement.

Ms. Sonia Henely of 429 S. 21st Street read a lengthy letter from Wilson's various youth sports associations. The letter was to "express our disappointment of recent events involving Borough Council and Recreation Board" and detailed the events causing concern. Items included reducing Rec Board membership, barring specific Council Members from Rec Board participation and questionable advertising of meetings. Solicitor Margle stressed that all of the Borough's advertising responsibilities had been met and Council had done nothing wrong.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Melynda Amato, Wilson Intermediate School Soccer Coach. Ms. Amato requested use of the large pavilion at Meuser Park on June 1, 2016 for a Soccer end of year party. She also requested fees be waived. Motion by Mr. Schaffer to allow use of the pavilion, fee free. Second by Mr. Lipari and council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia noted she had received some Council member's NIMS certificates and requested all others complete training and provide certificates.

The 2015 Borough audit has been completed and was successful.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky asked permission for Wilson Area Partners in Education to hold a 5K run on Washington Boulevard on Saturday June 18th. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the run on Washington Boulevard. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council agreed.

Chief Parkansky spoke about the VIA Marathon which will be held on September 11, 2016. The Marathon is from Allentown to Easton and cuts through Wilson's bike path. There will be no need for police presence and they have provided appropriate insurance. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Chief Parkansky send a letter of support. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

FIRE:

Chief Collins said the bucket for the ladder truck was shipped and has arrived in Minnesota.

Chief Collins requested Council's permission to move Mr. Michael Stamets from call to driver classification. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to move Mr. Stamets. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to rehire three life guards: Ari Heinemann, Lindsay Sales and Daniel Weekes. Second by Mr. Palinkas and Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Jones to hire Miguel Ortiz as the new pool manager. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council concurred.

Pool Pass pre season sale will be held May 21st from 10 am to 2 pm at the pool office. For pricing purposes, a Resident is anyone who resides in the Wilson School District.

The new slide is almost ready to be installed.

Memorial Day will be a free open house day at Meuser Pool.

Mr. Schaffer pointed out the Treasurer's Report from Rec Board that was in the Council packet. He voiced his displeasure with the report not having documentation, being handwritten and not being signed. Mr. Verenna said the Rec Board will need to straighten out the matter.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle reported he has been working on changes to the Rec Board make up as requested. It will require amending the code and ordinances which will mean a need for advertising and a public meeting. Details will follow.

Mr. Margle is working on the Office Tuition Reimbursement Plan drafted by Ms. Taylor and Ms. Garcia. This will be presented to Council soon.

A check for \$500 has been received at Mr. Margle's office. This is a reimbursement for costs associated with Mr. Margle's work for the Bimbo Bakery site. Ms. Garcia advised Mr. Margle to credit the payment on a future invoice.

Mr. Margle requested Lidl be placed on the agenda of the May 23, 2016 meeting for a review of their land development plan. They will be seeking approval. This is not a public hearing.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan informed Council that MECAB is planning a tour for the end of June. Details will follow.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Perruso mentioned he had received complaints about the bus shelter at 25th and Freemansburg Ave. It is overflowing with trash. Ms. Garcia said she has been trying to get someone at LANTA to rectify the problem and will keep calling.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:43 pm regarding personnel matters and returned at 8:13 pm.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to (1) suspend employee #626 without pay for 15 days for violation of Police general orders and (2) mandatory attendance by employee #626 at an inpatient alcohol rehabilitation facility. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to accept the Wilson Borough Police Contract 2017-2020 as presented. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$139,359.27 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Schaffer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER