

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
May 23, 2016

The Second 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. Vice President Starniri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

James McGowan
Scott Palinkas
Leonard Feinberg

Pamela Taylor
Russell Lipari
Daniel Schaffer
David Jones

ABSENT:

Tony Verenna

Also present were: Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake, Borough Engineer Monica Wall and Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Mike McGrath of Lidl, Mr. Kyle Bollinger of Kimley-Horn and Attorney Eric Schock were present to request Council's approval of Lidl's Conditional Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to grant approval of Lidl's Conditional Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan with conditions as indicated. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Bollinger requested a waiver to storm water requirements to the Borough property (parking lot). Motion by Mr. Feinberg to grant the waiver. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Winnie Howey of the Wilson Block Watch Association commented that Mr. Feinberg had done a great job with the Borough Wide Yard Sale in past years. The Block Watch Association will be taking the event over and requested use of Meuser Park on Saturday August 20, 2016 with fees waived. Details will follow. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to waive fees for the Block Watch to hold the yard sale at Meuser Park on August 20, 2016. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Howey also thanked Chief Parkansky, Officers Schaffer, Gessner and Behr for helping out with the Cops and Kids event at the Iron Pigs. Fifteen children participated. Chief Parkansky thanked Ms. Howey for her hard work. He added that this event fosters great relationships between the Police Department, Block Watch and the Wilson kids.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from the Avona Volunteer Fire Company requesting closure of Balata Street from the intersection of Front and Balata Streets back to the alleyway for their annual picnic on September 10, 2016 from 11 am to 5 pm. Motion by Mr. McGowan to allow the street closure. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Mr. McGarvey, Physical Education Instructor at St. Jane's School requesting use of the alley way between 19th and 20th Streets for track events on Tuesdays May 24th and May 31st. Mr. Feinberg presented photos of children running while cars are moving in the alley. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to not allow the school children to use the alley. Second by Ms. Taylor. Yes votes (to not allow) cast by Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones and Mr. Schaffer. No votes cast by Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. McGowan. Motion passed by a 5 to 3 vote.

Ms. Garcia advised Council that she had received the annual request from Football and Cheering for use of Fisk Field for practices and games and Meuser Park for cheering practice. She will be approving the dates and use.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Stephanie Kels, secretary of the Wilson Competition Cheerleading Club. She requested use of Meuser Park for a cheerleading clinic/fundraiser June 15 through June 18,

2016. Solicitor Margle recommended the Borough require the Club to obtain event insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 naming itself and the Borough as insureds. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow use of Meuser Park with the condition that event insurance is obtained. Second by Mr. Palinkas and Council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso said he has received many complaints about cars going the wrong way on the one way portion of Spring Garden Street. Mr. Drake said more signs have been added and Chief Parkansky agreed the street is well signed. Mr. Palinkas added the cars doing so have mostly out of state plates.

Mayor Perruso relayed complaints about the vacant bank building on Northampton Street. Mr. Feinberg said the owner has met with Planning a few times with different ideas but hasn't moved forward with any. Mr. Margle noted that the Borough can enforce Property Maintenance Codes and Weed Ordinances and cite if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Garcia reported she had finally spoken with someone at Lanta, and the bus shelter at 25th and Freemansburg has been cleaned up. Keeping the shelter clean is the responsibility of the advertiser and is enforced by Lanta.

Ms. Garcia advised Council that the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan is due for an update. Motion by Mr. Lipari to have Ms. Garcia send a letter of intent to participate in the update to the Northampton County Division of Emergency Management Services. Second by Mr. Schaffer, and Council concurred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake requested permission to hire summer help. Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Trevor Jones with a \$1.00/hr raise and Tim Horan at the regular rate. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Yes votes cast by Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Schaffer. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1, with Mr. Jones abstaining.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire five life guards: Ryan Grelle, Tara Stahlecker, Craig Stahlecker, Mark Nikitine and Brian Huber. Second by Mr. Schaffer, and Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Lipari thanked Mr. Drake and his crew for their diligence in getting the slide installed and the pool repairs finished.

Mr. Drake asked what will be done with the swim team items in the shed. The roof must be repaired and the items need to be removed since there is no longer a swim team. Mr. Palinkas said the items must be inventoried. Mr. Schaffer asked to table the matter until the next meeting. Mr. Margle advised giving notice that after 30 days the property will be considered abandoned if not removed.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to pay the new pool manager Mr. Ortiz \$6,000 salary for the summer. Second by Mr. Jones, and Council concurred.

ATTORNEY:

Attorney Margle advised Council that the Tuition Reimbursement Policy has been completed, and a resolution will be drawn up for the next meeting.

Mr. Margle said the Ordinance to amend the previous Recreation Board Ordinances has been drawn up and must be advertised to allow for adoption at the June 13, 2016 meeting. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to advertise the new Recreation Board Ordinance. Second by Mr. Palinkas, and Council concurred.

Mr. Margle suggested that specific notice also be given to Recreation Board members and Association heads. He will put together a letter doing so.

COG:

None

MECAB:

MECAB is currently working on a plan for a canal boat ride and dinner. Details will follow.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:53 pm regarding personnel matters and returned at 8:05 pm.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to accept the Wilson Borough Police Contract 2017-2020 with changes and to authorize appropriate personnel to sign. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council concurred.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$382,676.53 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Feinberg. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Taylor made a Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Second by Mr. Jones and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER