

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
June 27, 2016

The Second Meeting of June 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:

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

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake, Fire Chief Michael Collins and Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

West Easton Borough representatives Council President Daniel DePaul and Councilman Henry Nodoline addressed Council. West Easton is interested in having Wilson Borough provide police services. Currently West Easton is covered by the PA State Police. The West Easton representatives requested committees be created to discuss the matter.

Motion by Mr. Palinkas to establish a committee to discuss Police Services with West Easton. Second by Mr. Jones. Yes votes cast by Mr. Verenna, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Schaffer. No votes cast by Mr. Starniri and Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a 7 -2 vote.

Council entered into caucus at 7:12 pm to discuss contract matters. They returned at 7:43 pm.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read an e-mail from Ms. Abby Zoller who is looking to use the Community Center to host a day for the less fortunate/homeless in the area. She will come to a future meeting to discuss. Council requested Ms. Garcia to let Ms. Zoller know that the LINC'S Center does these types of events and Mr. Dave Seipel at the center could possibly be of assistance.

Ms. Garcia presented a request from Ms. Shannon Heckman of the 1800 Block of Fairview Avenue to close the block on July 4, 2016 for the annual block party. Public works will sweep the street the day before and put up signs. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow the closure. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

A letter from Ms. Jen Klass and Ms. Cherisha Ferrigno of the 2100 Block of Hay Street was presented to Council by Ms. Garcia requesting closure of the block on August 6, 2016 for the annual block party. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the closure. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council agreed. Mr. Lipari abstained.

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Deborah Jean DeNardo of 1809 Washington Boulevard. She wrote to express her dismay at the trash people toss on the Boulevard. She suggested trash receptacles be placed on the Boulevard and offered to help pay for one by her property. Mr. Drake commented that trash is picked up on the Boulevard every day and there are a few existing receptacles throughout the Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso said the bus stop at Freemansburg Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street has been kept clean since Ms. Garcia contacted Lanta regarding the condition of the stop.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia explained to Council that she had contacted Palmer and Forks townships regarding diversion meters. Both townships do allow these meters. They are purchased by residents. Permits and inspections are also required. Public works employees must read the meters and then the office staff adjusts sewer billings based on those readings. Council will give the matter some consideration.

Ms. Garcia told Council she had been approached by Kate Hug representing Dell's Kitchen regarding their upcoming basketball tournament. They would like to place banners on the fence at the tennis courts at Meuser Park. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the banners. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky said the Police Officer testing will be held on July 23, 2016. There will be a new graduating class from the Academy prior to the testing.

FIRE:

Chief Collins reported that the ladder truck's bucket is currently in Minnesota.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake presented Council with a plan to purchase a John Deere skid steer. The current price will be approximately \$45,000 and can be made in two payments out of liquid fuel funds. Motion by Mr. Lipari to allow the purchase. Second by Mr. Jones. Council concurred.

Mr. Feinberg asked if the old dump trucks were being sold. Mr. Drake explained they will be going out for sealed bids.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Brooke Sales as a lifeguard. Second by Mr. Jones and Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Lipari presented the most recent pool report. Total revenue is \$23,995 and pool pass sales are up 50% over last year. The first dip n dance was held and was a success.

Mr. Drake reported that Suburban EMS donated a board and straps to the pool. He will write a thank you letter.

Council made appointments to the new, five member Recreation Board as follows:

Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Mr. Schaffer as the Council Member representative to the Recreation Board. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred, with Mr. Schaffer abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to appoint Mr. Palinkas as Council's at large member of the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred, with Mr. Palinkas abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Mr. Bill Wallace as the Wilson Area School Board representative to the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to appoint Mr. Alfredo Carmona as West Easton's representative to the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

There were no applicants for Council's second at large appointment. The issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Corriere addressed Council regarding the fire damaged properties at 1820 and 1822 Ferry Street. The demolition was put out for bid with assistance by the Borough Engineer, T&M Associates. It was advertised and fourteen applicants responded. Four bidders were qualified. Penmar came in with the lowest bid at \$58,500. Motion by Mr. Starniri to grant the demolition contract to Penmar. Second by Ms. Taylor and council concurred.

Mr. Corriere added that the Borough did not issue a condemnation. The insurance company has paid off the homeowners. Mr. Feinberg asked Mr. Margle to investigate recovering costs from the homeowners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna mentioned he will be setting up a sub-committee for Budget and Salary matters at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to adopt Resolution #1218: In Opposition to PA House Bill No. 340 & Similar Legislation. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to adopt Resolution #1219: In Support of PA Senate Bill No. 535 & Similar Legislation. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes cast by Mr. Verenna, Mr. Starniri, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas and Mr. Schaffer. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed by an 8-1 vote.

Motion by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution #1220: In Opposition to PA House Bill No. 1155 & Similar Legislation. Second by Mr. Jones and Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to adopt Resolution #1221: In Support of PA House Bill No. 1268 & Similar Legislation. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$145,273.92 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER