

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
July 11, 2016

The First Meeting of July 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
Scott Palinkas
Leonard Feinberg
Tony Verenna

Pamela Taylor
David Jones
Daniel Schaffer
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Russell Lipari

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 27, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Tom Stang from Waste Management was present to request Council's consideration of a one year contract extension as permitted by the current contract. The price will remain the same and WM At Your Door services will continue. WM is requesting approval to divide the Borough in half to alternate recycling weeks, pending agreement by other customers. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve the route changes if other municipalities agree. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed. Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Waste Management send a letter to Wilson Borough requesting a one year extension with no rate increase. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council concurred.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Ruth Barbie addressed Council regarding some concerns she had with Meuser Pool. She has been unhappy with the large pool and slide closing early, the whole facility closing early, guards and managers not being professional and guards not being at appropriate stations. Ms. Alyssa Harvey added that she also witnessed guards not watching and the pool being short staffed. Ms. Garcia and Mr. Drake will address the residents' concerns with the Pool Manager. They will also be working on a list of rules and policies for the pool.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read an e-mail from Ms. Cindy Rosenkranz requesting an appointment to the Recreation Board. Motion by Mr. Schaffer to appoint Ms. Rosenkranz. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso asked Council to approve three handicap parking spaces. The spaces are for David Desch 1924 Freemansburg Ave, Harrison Knauss 447 S 20th Street and Denise Stem 2025 Ealer Ave. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve the handicap spots. Second by Mr. Palinkas and Council agreed, with Mr. Starniri abstaining. An application by Ms. Debra DeVatt of 1535 Lehigh Street was denied. There are currently two spots on that block. Ms. Taylor expressed her disappointment with this policy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia told Council that the air conditioning unit that cools the offices had stopped working and cannot be fixed. Due to the emergency, Ms. Garcia will be ordering a new rooftop unit from Che Mechanical. Price will be \$15,850.00 and will be placed approximately ten day after ordering. Che has also recommended replacement of three other 26 year old units. Council will need to determine when they would like to replace these units.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky advised Council that there had been a fight at the pool on Thursday July 21. Both boys have been cited with disorderly conduct. One was an Easton Resident and one from Wilson. Ms. Garcia noted both boys and their mothers have been forbidden from using the pool for the rest of the year. Season passes are printed with information that explains that passes may be revoked for incidents where the police are called. Also, the Easton resident provided false proof of residency to obtain a pass at resident rates.

Chief Parkansky noted that the noise complaints regarding Pints and Pies have picked up again.

FIRE:

Chief Collins reported that the ladder truck's bucket has arrived at the Station and a mechanic will be in to unpack and install.

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Margle said he is working on the issue regarding an ordinance for signs in the Borough parks.

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna made appointments to a Committee regarding Police Services for West Easton. Members will be: Mayor Perruso, Chief Parkansky, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Jones, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Verenna.

Mr. Adesh Odessy of 1531 Washington Street addressed Council to applaud Chief Parkansky and his officers for their efforts at Community Policing and to encourage them to continue to interact with the citizens and get to know the residents.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$255,014.26 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Palinkas made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Second by Mr. Schaffer and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER