

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
August 8, 2016

The First Meeting of August 2016 of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held at 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 called followed.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

NONE

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS:

Mr. Adesh Odyssey of 1531 Washington St. addressed the council requesting the closure of Washington St. between 15th and 16th St. for a block party on August 14, 2016 with a rain date of August 21, 2016. Motion made by Mr. Starniri to approve the closure of Washington St. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor presented two Handicap parking space applications for Debra DeVatt of 1535 Lehigh Street and JoAnne Raub-Bechtel of 2280 Freemansburg Avenue. Motion made by Mr. Starniri to approve the handicap parking spaces. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY:

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky reported there are three new hires for Crossing Guard, Sandra Cahill, Christina Minotti, Brainslawq Cressman.

FIRE:

Chief Collins reported the new truck build will begin October 2016.

Mr. Starniri read a letter from Mark Cooke, MDA Representative for Local IAFF # 1914, requesting permission for the Fire Department to collect donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association by "Filling the Boot" on the following dates; Friday, August 19th and 26th and Saturday, August 20th and 27th between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The location of the collection would be at the intersection of 22nd St. and Washington Boulevard.

Motion made by Mr. Starniri with the condition they follow the Health and Safety Ordinance 35 PA. C. S. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake advised he requested the use of a parking lot located off of Wood Ave in the City of Easton during football season. Easton requires a 1 day insurance policy for each day the parking lot is used. Solicitor Margle advise to get a letter from the City of Easton stating the Borough of Wilson has permission to use the parking lot to present to our insurer.

RECREATION & PARKS:

NONE

SOLICITOR

1. Draft Park Sign Ordinance

Solicitor Margle presented the Borough of Wilson Rules and Regulations for Borough Parks and Recreation Areas. Motion made by Mr. Starniri to approve Borough of Wilson Rules and Regulations for Borough Parks and Recreation Areas. Second by Mr. Lipari. Yes votes cast by Mr. Verenna, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Schaffer, and Mr. Jones. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried 8-1 vote.

2. Wilson School District cutting budget to the Wilson Borough Recreation Board.

Mr. Margle spoke to the School District Solicitor, Dan Spry; Mr. Spry advised there is no requirement for the School District to support the Recreation Board funding. The School Board will allow the Recreation Board to use the school facilities, Gyms, Fields and other Public Facilities.

3. St. Jane's One Mile Run

Insurance policy naming Wilson Borough and Wilson Borough Council as additional insured has been received. If the dates and/or location change, the policy will need to be changed as well.

4. Municipal Lien for 1820 and 1822 Ferry Street.

Mr. Margle advised of the steps to place a lien on the listed properties. Code Officer, Mr. Corriere must have a cost determination. Once Mr. Corriere receives a cost determination Mr. Margle will need to send a letter to both properties owners. Lastly, Council will need to approve placing a lien on the properties.

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NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ORDINANCES

NONE

RESOLUTIONS

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS

Bills totaling \$366,754.39 were paid on a Motion made by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Schaffer. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK