

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
September 12, 2016

The First Meeting of September 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  
Leonard Feinberg  
Tony Verenna  
Pamela Taylor

Daniel Schaffer  
Scott Palinkas  
Russell Lipari

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri  
David Jones

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Schaffer to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Peter Tomino of 1612 Ferry Street addressed Council regarding his concerns about the traffic at the Wilson Elementary School. Cars turning left on Butler Street from 21st Street are causing traffic to back up in the school drop off loop. He asked to have the intersection posted as right turn only during school opening and dismissal. Mr. Drake advised that Butler Street is a State Highway and changes must go through the State. A survey and engineering study would need to be done at the Borough's cost. Mr. Lipari suggested the possibility of an officer to direct traffic.

Mr. Tomino also requested that the Borough investigate garbage in the alley behind his home.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso advised Council that FEMA will be holding seminar if anyone is interested in attending.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Ms. Garcia requested permission to hire Mr. Jarrett Hanni as a crossing guard. Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Mr. Hanni pending background checks. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council agreed.

FIRE:

Chief Collins told Council the new fire truck will be arriving at the end of December. He advised selling the old truck by the end of November. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Chief Collins advertise the sale of the old truck. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Verenna asked Mr. Drake about garbage that had been dumped at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Wood Avenue. Mr. Drake said they found some mail in the bags with a name and address. The Police Department will be working on finding this person and having the mess cleaned up.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari reported that the summer pool season has come to a close. The season was mostly positive and Borough staff addressed issues as they came up. He thanked Mr. Drake and his crew for keeping the pool up and running. The pool stayed open longer than most public facilities and there were 80 plus full days of swimming. Revenue for this year was up \$10,000 over the last three years. A second slide for the baby pool is ready to be placed for next summer. Staff will meet in October to begin planning for next year. Mr. Verenna asked if the Borough had received any funds from Mr. Rich to help pay costs of the refreshment stand. Mr. Lipari said yes and hopefully there will be more next year.

Mr. Palinkas commended the Football Board and Mr. Barrett for a great job with the 9-11 Responders Service that was held at Fisk Field on Sunday September 11.

Mr. Drake advised Council that many days were spent lining, watering and mowing Fisk Field. He thanked his staff for their hard work. Mr. Lipari added that Fisk Field is one of the best looking fields around.

ATTORNEY:

Motion by Mr. Palinkas to approve Ordinance #778 – Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation Areas. Second by Mr. Schaffer. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. McGowan, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Feinberg, Mr. Verenna, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Schaffer. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 pm at the Wilson Borough Community Center. He requested that Borough representatives attend.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus regarding personnel matters at 7:22 pm and exited at 7:25 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna advised Council that letters have been sent to Mr. Negroe and Mr. Reibman regarding their properties in the Borough and their plans for them.

Ms. Garcia told Council that the first Budget meeting will be held on Monday October 10th at 6:00 pm.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Bills of \$396,977.53 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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**JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER**