

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
September 26, 2016

The Second 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
David Jones
Russell Lipari
Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read an email from Mr. Vincenzo Nesci of 1818 Ferry Street. His home was involved in a fire in February 2016. He requested adjustment of his trash bill, due to the fact that he was only in the home for two weeks of the billing quarter. Motion by Mr. Lipari to pro-rate Mr. Nesci's trash bill. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Chief Parkansky advised Council that Mr. Kyle Stout had passed all pre-employment testing and was ready to be sworn in as a full time Police Officer. Mayor Perruso administered the Oath of Office to Officer Stout. Council offered their congratulations to the new Officer.

Chief Parkansky asked Council to offer conditional part-time employment to Mr. Daniel Sciabica, pending successful completion of the required background checks. Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia presented the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the 2017 Borough Pension Plans for certification.

Trick -or- Treat will be held on Monday October 31, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

None

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Drake reported that the pool had been sandblasted today in preparation for new paint. The new paint should last six to seven years.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised Council that he is awaiting final numbers for the demolition of 1820 – 1822 Ferry Street, so a lien can be placed on the property. Mr. Bill Hughes of 1820 Ferry Street has contacted Mr. Margle about settling his obligation to the Borough. Ms. Garcia noted she is waiting for a final bill from T&M Associates.

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. The speaker will be Becky Bradley. Mayor Perruso requested that Borough representatives attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna reported that he had heard from Mr. Negrao regarding his property at 22nd and Northampton Streets. He will be scheduling a meeting soon with the Borough to discuss his plans for the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to allow Mr. Sanguinito of Chrin's to install a direction sign at 25th Street. This sign will direct visitors to the Vietnam War Memorial at Easton High School. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to have Solicitor Margle review the Borough's Business Privilege Tax Ordinance. The Borough would like to see if the "Non-Profit/Exemption" portion of the ordinance can be changed. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve Resolution #1222, Request for a Monroe County Local Share Account (MC-LSA) Grant. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council agreed.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$82,326.32 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Lipari. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:35 pm and exited at 8:10 pm. Personnel matters were discussed.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept Fire Chief Collins' resignation as of October 9, 2016, with regrets. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Lieutenant Joseph Sipel as Interim Chief. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Ms. Garcia notify the Civil Service Commission that Council's choice for Chief is Lieutenant Sipel and he should be given a non-competitive exam. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to have Ms. Garcia direct the Civil Service Commission to prepare a list for Fire Fighters. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to cover Chief Collins for 90 days under the Borough's health care plan. His current coverage will be extended and paid for by the Borough. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER