

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
November 14, 2016

The First Meeting of November 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  
David Jones

Scott Palinkas  
Russell Lipari  
Louis Starniri  
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

Daniel Schaffer

Also present were: Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Foreman of Public Works Eric Flowers.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Taylor noted that she was absent from the last meeting and did not motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 Council meeting with corrections. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

MS 4 PROGRAM SYNOPSIS:

Mr. Verenna read the following to Council and Residents:

In 1972, the 1948 Federal Water Pollution Control Act was reorganized and expanded and is now what is commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA). Under the CWA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented various pollution control programs. One part of the act is that it prohibits the discharge of pollutants into waterways without the appropriate permits. These permits are designed to reduce the pollutant levels in the storm water discharge. Wilson Borough, like every urbanized Borough and Township in Pennsylvania, has various storm sewer facilities, such as storm sewer piping systems and detention basins which discharge storm water. These are considered to be a "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" and is regulated and permitted under the MS4 Program which, in Pennsylvania, is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).

As part of the MS4 Program, one of the Minimum Control Measures (MCM) is to provide education to the public so that each individual can help keep our waterways cleaner for future generations.

Wilson Borough residents can find detailed information about this program and other storm water related materials on the Borough's website at [www.wilsonborough.org](http://www.wilsonborough.org) under the "Storm Water Quality" tab. The website includes articles and information that outline various activities that individuals and homeowners can do to help control water pollution. There are other opportunities for the public, both individual and community groups, to get involved with to help reduce storm water pollution. Anyone interested in helping out with this worthy cause can contact the Wilson Borough Office at 610-258-6142 to discuss the possibilities.

Mr. Starniri asked Mr. Drake if there are decals available to put on the storm drains to remind residents that the drains are for storm water only. Mr. Drake will check with the Borough Engineer Monica Wall.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso thanked Ms. Winnie Howey from Block Watch and Mr. Richard Wamsley from the Borough Office Staff for a successful and memorable Veterans Day Parade and Celebration.

Chief Parkansky said he had received two letters of thanks from the Wilson School District, one for their presence at the bon-fire and another for handling an incident at a school dance. Mayor Perruso added the School District is very pleased with the Wilson Police Department and they have a great working relationship.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia opened one bid for the 1989 Grumman pumper. Bid was for \$1,500.00 from Mike Veneziano of Bellefonte, PA. Mr. Margle noted the Borough is not required to accept the bid. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to place this bid under review. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council concurred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept the resignation of Officer Gregg Voorhees. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Frederick Lahovski for probationary full time officer pending successful completion of a background investigation to include physical and psychological examinations, polygraph examination, drug screen and any other required testing. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

Chief Parkansky requested a Caucus for personnel matters.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel advised Council that the Civil Service Test for Fire Fighters will be held on December 3, 2016. The physical agility test will be in the morning and the written test will be in the afternoon.

Chief Sipel reported that the Red Cross has requested the Fire Department's help in handing out and installing smoke alarms in Wilson Borough. This event will occur in January and 5 to 6 men will be needed to assist. The Fire Department will be the set up point for the event. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow participation. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Public Works employees have all completed flagger training.

Mr. Drake told Council about a possible grant being obtained by Senator Boscola's office to turn the unused bocce court at Meuser Park into a children's play area. The grant may be as much as \$100,000.00.

Mr. Starniri asked if the yellow no parking zone at 19<sup>th</sup> and Butler in front of RCN can be repainted and enforced. Cars are parking there and making it very difficult to see when pulling out. Chief Parkansky and Mr. Drake will look at the area and see what can be done.

Mr. Verenna asked what is being done about having unsightly broken utility poles removed. Mr. Margle is looking into what options the Borough has to make the utility companies remove the poles.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

None

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said the next meeting will be on November 30, 2016 in Coplay.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that she has received approximately \$20,000.00 from LIDL for all reimbursable expenses to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to approve Ordinance #779: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #537 Known as "The Business Privilege Tax Ordinance". Second by Mr. Starniri and Council unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve Resolution #1224: A Resolution to Authorize the Borough Manager to submit and sign Traffic Signal Applications to Pa DOT. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$537,453.32 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:29 pm and exited at 7:53 pm. Two personnel matters regarding employment were discussed pursuant to Section 708A-1 of the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Starniri rescinded his previous motion to accept the resignation of Officer Voorhees.

Mr. Starniri made a motion to acknowledge the retirement of Officer Voorhees. Second by Mr. Palinkas and Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER