

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
December 12, 2016

The First Meeting of December 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
Daniel Schaffer

Scott Palinkas
David Jones
Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

Louis Starniri
Russell Lipari

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2016 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Margle said Mr. Drake's new contract was in Council packets and was ready for action. Motion by Mr. Feinberg to accept the employment contract with Mr. Drake. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Margle reported that he is working on a letter to the utility companies regarding broken utility poles. He asked Mr. Drake for the list of broken poles in the Borough. Mr. Drake will have the list for the next meeting.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter to Council from Mr. Rusty Voletto, coach of Wilson Flag Football. He requested permission to use the Community Center for a football party on December 14, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, with fees waived. Motion by Mr. McGowan to allow use of the Center. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

The Mayor reported Blockwatch's annual Breakfast with Santa was a success. He thanked Ms. Howey for her hard work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to add \$5,000.00 to the Fire Department Budget and remove \$2,500.00 from the code budget for a vehicle. The Code Department will receive the Ford Escape from the Fire Department. A pick-up truck will be leased for the Fire Department. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Feinberg talked about the RCAP grant information that was in Council packets. RCAP funds can be used for the expansion of the Police Department. Motion by Ms. Taylor to have T&M apply for an RCAP grant. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky reported to Council that the Civil Service Board has rejected the candidate who had previously been offered the full time officer position.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Daniel Sciabica 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. Schaffer and Council concurred.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel told Council that the Fire Department has completed the Civil Service physical agility and written portions of the test. Five candidates are still in the running. Oral interviews will be held in January 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Verenna reported that the lights on Washington Boulevard have almost all been repaired.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

None

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Margle asked Mr. Corriere about the home on Stanley Street which was found with an illegal sewer hookup. Mr. Corriere said the owner doesn't know what he is going to do, but he did receive the Solicitor's letter. Mr. Margle noted that he will expect a response by December 29, 2016.

Attorney Margle reported that he is working on the RFP for the billboard/scoreboard at Fisk Field. It should be ready to review and discuss by the next Council meeting.

Mr. Margle asked Mr. Corriere if he had taken a look at the Dixie property. Mr. Corriere said he had not. Mr. Margle told Mr. Corriere to ask for permission to enter the property to inspect.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said MECAB will be on vacation until after the new year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$80,419.66 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Schaffer. Second by Ms. Taylor. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schaffer made a Motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

**JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER**