

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 27, 2017

The Second Meeting of March 2017 of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. Vice President Starniri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

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| Louis Starniri | Scott Palinkas |
| Leonard Feinberg | David Jones |
| Pamela Taylor | Russell Lipari |
| Daniel Schaffer | |

ABSENT:

Tony Verenna
James McGowan

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. Feinberg to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. John Burke of 1807 Lehigh Street, President of the Wilson Borough Baseball Association was present to make some requests for work to be done at Fisk and Jeffrey Fields for the upcoming softball/baseball seasons. Mr. Drake said his crew would possibly be removing the goal post at Fisk and doing the cut out work at Jeffrey depending upon how wet the fields are. Mr. Drake will be borrowing the School District's equipment to remove weeds from Fisk's infield. He will also have the water meters put back in so there will be water and bathroom facilities available. Mr. Jones asked if baseball will be assembling work crews of parents, coaches and volunteers to do some of the needed tasks. Many of the needed items were agreed to be done by the past president. Mr. Drake noted that some of the items will need to be worked into a future budget.

Mary Ann Sofronie of 2415 Sycamore Street questioned Council on the Borough's upcoming Arbor Day event. She asked where trees will be placed and who is responsible for them. Ms. Taylor explained that the addresses are currently only in GPS form. When they are put into a printed format, they will be available in the Borough Office. The Tree Vitalize Grant which backs the planting of 97 trees on Northampton, 25th, Washington and Butler Streets does not require advertising or notification of residents. This is to replace shade trees which were not replaced for many years. Mr. Margle said the area between the curb and sidewalk where trees are to be planted is an easement and the Borough has the right to plant the trees in said area. Ms. Taylor stressed that these are ornamental trees and are specifically chosen since they will not cause damage to sidewalks or interfere with wires. Mr. Jeff. Bracken of 110 S. 22nd Street said homeowners should get a certificate for trees planted on their property. Mr. Starniri felt that home owners should have a choice if a tree is planted near their home. Public Works will be watering the new trees for four to eight weeks.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to send letters to home owners who will have a tree planted in front of their home. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council Unanimously agreed.

Ms. Sofronie also asked when Liberty Park renovations will be complete and the Park will be open. Mr. Drake said it will be two to three weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perruso said the annual Easter Egg Hunt held by Wilson Borough Block Watch will be held on April 14th @ 10:00 am.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

None

FIRE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones thanked the Public Works Crew and the Police Department for an excellent job with the last snow storm.

Mr. Drake thanked Ms. Winnie Howey for the bbq and brownies she provided for the crew during the storm.

Mr. Drake said he would like to Novachip 24th Street from Hay Street to Front Street. Motion by Ms. Taylor to permit Mr. Drake to put the Novachip job out for bid. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Drake explained to Council that Wilson Borough owns a culvert on Lehigh Drive that was recently inspected by T & M Associates, Borough Engineers. Replacement is recommended and a stress test should also be conducted to see if truck traffic should be detoured until the culvert can be replaced.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Drake said he will be installing two fences in Meuser Park to stop traffic from driving past the children's play area. Cars will still be able to access the pavilions and concert areas.

Mr. Lipari announced the Meuser Pool will be having a pre-sale on pool passes on May 20th and 21st from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm each day. There will also be pre-sales on May 27th, 28th and 29th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm each day. There is no discount for early purchase.

Applications are still being accepted for all positions at the Pool. Adults are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Mr. Lipari said in an effort to utilize the park more there may be a tree lighting ceremony and a menorah in the winter. He is also looking into placing a gazebo in the park for the residents to enjoy.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle requested a caucus to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion to advertise Ordinance #783 – Moving Permit Ordinance, by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council concurred.

Mr. Margle re-addressed Tax Collector Dorothy Klass' request for a salary increase. A resolution or ordinance to set the Collector's salary must be in place by February 15th of the year of the Tax Collector's election. Ms. Klass' request cannot be requested for four more years.

Motion by Mr. Palinkas to send out the RFPs for Fisk Field Billboard/Scoreboard. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council unanimously agreed.

COG:

None

MECAB:

Mr. McGowan said there will be no meeting this month. April's meeting will be in Whitehall.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$110,040.78 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Feinberg. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into Caucus at 7:41 pm and exited at 8:02 pm. Personnel matters were discussed as permitted under the Sunshine law Chapter 65 708-A1.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to authorize Mr. Margle to respond to employee #294's settlement offer. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously agreed.

Employee #294 was not present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council concurred.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER