

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
May 8, 2017

The First Meeting of May 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. President Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Louis Starniri  
Tony Verenna  
Pamela Taylor

Russell Lipari  
David Jones  
Leonard Feinberg

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas  
James McGowan  
Daniel Schaffer

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 April 24, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Ms. April Niver from Congressman Cartwright's office was present to request use of the Strausser Community Center for a town hall meeting on May 30, 2017. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council concurred.

CAUCUS:

Council entered into a Caucus at 7:05 pm and exited at 7:18 pm. The purpose of the Caucus was to discuss personnel matters.

Motion by Mr. Lipari to execute severance agreement for employee #294. Second by Mr. Starniri. Council unanimously agreed.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Charles Wacik of 1532 Washington Street asked Council to do something about the used car lot on the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets. He said there are excessive cars and cars without inspections or registrations. Mr. Corriere said Police should be called for out of date tags.

Ms. Mary Ann Sofronie of 2415 Sycamore Street thanked Ms. Taylor for her hard work with the Arbor Day Celebration and resurrection of the Shade Tree Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter of interest for the Library Board from Ms. Beverly Lewis of 730 Texas Road, Easton. Motion by Mr. Lipari to appoint Ms. Lewis to the Mary Meuser Library Board. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

### POLICE:

Chief Parkansky advised Council that his department along with other area departments, arrested the suspects in the CVS robbery, who also admitted to four other area armed robberies. He congratulated his officers on a job well done.

### FIRE:

Chief Sipel said Campbell Supply would like to use the Borough's new engine to show at the Lancaster County Firemen's Fire Expo in Harrisburg from May 17 – 21. The truck is not in service yet and it will be insured from pick up to drop off. Motion to allow Campbell Supply to use the Borough's new truck by Mr. Starniri. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council agreed.

### PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Jones said Public Works will be working on a schedule and signs for street sweeping. This should take place in June and then moving forward, in the fall and spring.

Mr. Drake said no parking signs have been installed at the corners on 17<sup>th</sup> and Ferry Streets. This should help residents turn easier onto 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire life guards: Mckayla Blazure, Monica Bedoya, Aaron Donahue, Jared Whitehorn, Megan Hoskins, Mark Nikitine and Benjamin Hindmarch pending completed background checks and certifications. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Lipari reported that baby changing stations have been added to both restrooms at the pool. There will be proper diaper disposal receptacles, newly painted floors, new mats, and a new slide.

Mr. Lipari thanked Ms. Taylor for her work with the Shade Tree Commission and for having a Serbian Spruce planted at the park for an annual tree lighting ceremony.

### ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle reported that Mr. Reibman, owner of the Dixie will be present at Council on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to report on his progress with the building.

### COG:

None

### MECAB:

None

### OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Taylor reported that the Arbor Day Celebration was a great success. The event went smoothly and brought out both young and old. Left over T-shirts will be available for purchase at various Borough events and proceeds will go back into the Shade Tree Commission. She thanked all volunteers and the Public Works Department. Mr. Drake added that Tree Vitalize signs have been installed entering the Borough.

Mr. Margle and Mr. Drake are still working on getting broken utility poles repaired. Mr. Margle added that it is a slow moving process.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna appointed a five year look ahead committee including Ms. Taylor, Mr. Jones, Mr. Starniri and Mr. Palinkas.

Mr. Drake spoke about changing lighting over to LED in the Borough. This will save electric costs, but will have an upfront outlay. He will provide more info at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$376,758.08 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Feinberg. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Feinberg made a Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER