

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
August 28, 2017

The Second Meeting of August 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:

James McGowan  
Louis Starniri  
Tony Verenna

Russell Lipari  
Leonard Feinberg

ABSENT:

Daniel Schaffer  
Pamela Taylor

David Jones  
Scott Palinkas

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

None

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Stacey Cleary of 2229 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Ms. Nicole Wickkiser of 2440 Sycamore Street spoke on behalf of the Wilson Midget Football Association. They expressed concern that Fisk Field would not be lined with hash marks and numbers for the upcoming games. Mr. Drake said it will be completed for all games. Ms. Cleary and Ms. Wickkiser also requested an estimate of when the new scoreboard will be placed. Solicitor Margle said Lamar is expediting the process.

Mr. Rodney Nace of 807 Balata Street addressed Council regarding numerous of his concerns. He said there are too many rental properties, more theft and vandalism and streets that need repaired. Mr. Nace applauded the Police Department and the job they do and said the Solicitor and Council need to support the Department. Chief Parkansky replied that he and his officers have the support of the Mayor, Council and the public.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Mr. Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library requesting closure of North 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Northampton Street to Church Street for the Library's annual Book Fair. The Fair will be held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, rain or shine. Motion by Mr. Starniri to allow the closure. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council unanimously agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Council Member Daniel Schaffer advising Council that he would be resigning from his appointed position on the Recreation Board, due to matters out of his control. He thanked Council for the opportunity to work with this great group of people. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept Mr. Schaffer's resignation with regrets. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council concurred.

Mr. Garcia advised Council that she had received a letter from Mr. Jeffrey Lewert, expressing his interest in the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion by Mr. Starniri to appoint Mr. Lewert to the position of Deputy EMC. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council agreed and will consider payment for this position during budget talks.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky requested permission to conditionally hire Ms. Stephanie Belon Jean as a Crossing Guard. Motion by Mr. Lipari to hire Ms. Belon Jean. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council concurred.

Chief Parkansky reported to Council on Operation Warrior which took place on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. Wilson Borough Police along with many outside Departments came together to put about 40 officers on the Wilson Streets. Warnings and citations were issued. Arrests were made and a drug house was shut down. Chief Parkansky offered his thanks to Council and to the participating agencies. Mayor Perruso and Council thanked the Chief for a job well done.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested permission to hire Mr. Caleb Messinger as a part time fire fighter. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Mr. Messinger. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council agreed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake advised Council the 2200 block of Ferry Street will not be closed for the upcoming block party.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Lipari said the pool has been running very smoothly with minimal incidents. There have been almost ten thousand visits and \$46,000 in revenue to date. Management and staff have been doing an excellent job and Dell's has had many favorable reviews.

ATTORNEY:

Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise Ordinance #784 – Bamboo. Second by Mr. Feinberg. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Starniri to advertise Ordinance #785 – No Parking for Street Sweeping. Second by Mr. Feinberg and Council agreed.

Solicitor Marge advised Council that he has had no response to his letter of August 18<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Joseph Reibman, owner of the Dixie property. He will follow up again.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna advised Council there will a pre-construction meeting with LIDL on September 1.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

None

**BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Bills of \$140,927.80 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Feinberg. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Second by Mr. Starniri and Council concurred.

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**JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER**