

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
May 30, 2018

A Special meeting 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:

Russell Lipari-via Phone  
John Burke  
Justin Woodring  
James McGowan  
David Jones

Scott Palinkas  
Jeffrey Bracken  
Pamela Taylor  
Tony Verenna

ABSENT:

Mayor Barrett advised all in attendance that they are being recorded with both video and audio.

Also present were: Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Police Chief Christian Meehan, Solicitor Stanley Margle, Code Officer Paul Corriere, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Borough Manager Jill Garcia.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

NONE

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

David Sipel of 1611 Liberty Street would like to place concrete instead of grass on his right of way. Motion made by Mr. Bracken to allow Mr. Sipel to change his right of way. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Pamela Silverman of 1552 Ferry Street advised she was asked by Mr. Corriere to clean up the hill behind her home due to weeds. She advised she feels as if she is being singled out because her neighbor does not clean their side.

Margie Gares of 1512 Washington Street requested to have a handicap sign removed from her block, the person who used it no longer lives there. She also advised there has been a car parked in her alley way up against a garage for the last 7 months. Mayor Barrett advised he will have the Police department look into these issues.

Matthew Gerheart of 2244 Freemansburg Avenue would like to be considered for the position of Junior Council Person. Mayor Barrett advised Council that Ms. Garcia will be preparing a Resolution for Junior Council Person.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested to offer tuition reimbursement for recent graduates of the Police Academy. The reimbursement would be staggered over a five year period; at the end of each of the five years the Officer would receive \$1250 not to exceed \$5000 in total. Solicitor Margle advised a Resolution will need to be created. A motion by Ms. Taylor to allow Solicitor Margle to create the Resolution for Tuition Reimbursement. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Chief Meehan requested placing a School Resource Officer in the Borough's schools. The School District will fund 70% of the pay and benefits for the Officer and the Borough would be responsible for the remaining 30%. The Officer would be strictly assigned to the schools throughout the school year and then reassigned to patrol during the summer months. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to allow Chief Meehan to hire a School Resource Officer. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Chief Meehan requested a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Steven Searfoss as a Part-time Officer. A motion made by Mr. Jones. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

Chief Meehan advised that the previous Civil Service list has been exhausted and a new one needs to be established. Chief Meehan would also like to make the following changes to the Civil Service Rules.

1. Change residency requirements from 10 to 20 miles.
2. Change the application fee from \$65 to \$35.
3. Must complete Act 120 prior to appointment

A motion made by Ms. Taylor to establish a new Civil Service list and make the changes to the existing Civil Service Rules. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS AND RECREATION:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Real Estate matter discusses in a previous Caucus will be tabled to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The Borough's engineering firm T&M Associate sent Mr. Russ Benner to discuss the safety concerns at Meuser Pool. Mr. Benner advised that Mr. John Bray from Atlantic Aquatics reviewed the pool and the Borough will need to conduct a pool study. Mr. Benner advised the plumbing and structure needs to be assessed.

A motion made by Mr. Bracken to close Meuser Pool for the 2018 season due to safety issues. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

A second motion made by Ms. Taylor authorizing T&M and Mr. Benner to confer with Mr. John Bray and any other representatives for the purpose of determining the appropriate scope of work and preliminary cost of the scope of work. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Burke made a Motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Second by Mr. Jones and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER