

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 8, 2018

The first meeting of October 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
Jeffrey Bracken
Tony Verenna

Justin Woodring
Russ Lipari
David Jones

ABSENT: Scott Palinkas and John Burke

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

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously approved.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Robert Hare of 810 Miller St requested Council's permission to plant 3 red rhododendrons replacing the dead tree at the Kurt Moatz Memorial at Jeffrey Field. Mr. Hare would also like to place a plaque at the memorial as well. A motion to approve made by Ms. Taylor. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved.

Rod Nace of 807 Balata St advised the parking problem on his street still exists as well as the cat problem. Mayor Barrett advised Mr. Nace to contact Vector Control at Northampton County to discuss the cat issue.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Verenna received a letter from Northampton County District Attorney, John Morganelli asking Council if they would like him to come to a meeting and speak. Mr. Verenna will contact DA Morganelli and set up a Town Hall meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett asked Mr. Corriere for an update on the Billboard/Scoreboard. Mr. Corriere advised Lamar is preparing new drawings and they will need to be presented to Zoning.

Mayor Barrett reminded residents if they have trash or recycling that was missed to please call the Borough office as soon as they notice.

Mayor Barrett would like to have a time line when Code, Police and Fire Departments will begin walking the Borough looking for code violations. Mr. Corriere advised a timeframe will be decided at the next Code Committee meeting on October 9, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

BID OPENINGS: Front Street Paving Project

Bracalente Contracting - \$157,120, BF Brown & Company - \$125,200, Barker & Barker - \$99,600

Motion made by Mr. Woodring to accept the lowest bid for the Front Street Paving Project contingent upon compliance with the pre-bid package and UGI's approval. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

Ms. Garcia advised the sewer rate will need to be raised. Currently the rate is \$4.10 per unit Ms. Garcia recommended it be raised to \$5.50 per unit. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to approve the increase. Second by Mr. Verenna. Council unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan asked Council's permission to make a conditional offer of employment pending background investigation to Sam Domencia as a part-time Police Officer. A motion made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Jones. Council unanimously approved.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake advised the traffic mirrors have been put in place at Iron St.

Mr. Drake advised that the area of 22nd Street and Ferry Street will be closed due to paving for about one week starting on October 15, 2018.

Mr. Drake requested Council's permission to purchase a front end loader for \$28,000 per year for five years. A motion made by Mr. Jones to approve the purchase contingent upon the agreement from the dealer. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

There will be no meeting in October.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

Council entered Caucus at 7:35 p.m. and exited at 8:04 p.m. The purpose of this Caucus was to discuss personnel matters and acquisition of real property.

A motion made by Mr. Lipari to have the Solicitor compose a letter to the Recreation Board about matters discussed in caucus. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

A motion made by Mr. Lipari to allow the Solicitor to contact a real estate appraiser in reference to real estate discussed in caucus. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$131,752.58. A motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the bills. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lipari made a Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER