

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
May 14, 2018

The First Meeting of May 2018 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	Scott Palinkas
John Burke	Jeffrey Bracken
Justin Woodring	Pamela Taylor
James McGowan	Tony Verenna

ABSENT: David Jones

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:

Motion made by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2018 Council meeting. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

James Bundro of 1844 Fairview Ave. Mr. Bundro asked to have Council conduct a parking survey throughout the Borough. Council will take his recommendation under consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. Susan Worman of Good Shepherd Church requested permission from Council to close Washington Blvd. between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets on June 3, 2018 from 11am to 3pm to hold a carnival. She also requested presence from the Fire and Police Departments. Motion made by Mr. Lipari to allow the closure, pending proof of insurance be provided to the Borough Office. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.
2. Nicci Fisher- Ms. Garcia read a letter complimenting the cleanliness of the community center.
3. Robin Stem – Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. Stem and Wilson Borough PTA thanking Council for the generous donation of 5 one day pool passes for the WBES Tricky Tray.
4. Attorney Deborah DeNardo – Ms. Garcia read a letter from Ms. DeNardo asking council to consider installing permanent trash receptacles on Washington Blvd.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised he has received complaints and comments of sofas being allowed on front porches. Mr. Corriere will take a look into those properties.

Mayor Barrett advised Girl Scout Troop #8864 requested to paint a mural in the Borough as part of their Silver Award project. Mr. Lipari recommended painting a mural on the Meuser Pool building or the Avona Concession stand. May Barrett will relay the information to the Girl Scout Troop.

Mayor Barrett advised Warrior Weekend has been cancelled. Dell's kitchen decided to host their annual basket ball tournament the same weekend. Mayor Barrett requested that Council consider waiving the rental fees from Dell Kitchen. A motion was made by Mr. Palinkas to waive rental fees at Meuser Park for Dell's Kitchen pending proof of insurance be provided to the Borough Office. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

Mayor Barrett would like to host a Government Day on May 23, 2018 and have the third grade students visit Council Chambers, Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Barrett advised he is still discussing discounts and credits with the Ring Doorbell Company.

Mayor Barrett advised he discussed the recent rash of lawnmower thefts from residents' garages. Mayor Barrett spoke with Chief Meehan about the incidents and no one called the police to report the thefts. Mayor Barrett urged residents to please call the police.

Mayor Barrett recommended Council adopt the Junior Council Program. PSAB has guidelines to follow for a Junior Council Program, Ms. Garcia will send a copy to Council.

Mayor Barrett, Borough Manager Jill Garcia and Councilman Justin Woodring met with a solar power company and discussed the possibility of changing some of the Borough's larger buildings (Municipal Building, Pool, Public Works and Community Center) to solar power, potentially saving the Borough thousands of dollars.

Ms. Garcia advised she spoke to Met-Ed in reference to having all street lights changed over to LED. The initial cost to the Borough will be \$3,500; however, the savings will be \$13,000 yearly. A motion was made by Mr. Lipari to change the 330 street lights in the Borough from sodium vapor to LED. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Barrett introduced a new sign that will be placed in high traffic areas to deter drivers from rolling through stops signs. A motion made by Mr. Burke to install new rolling stop signs. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

#### BIDS OPENINGS:

2007 Ford Expedition – Ted Covington Motors sales bid \$910, Bay Ridge Motors sales bid \$711.

Motion made by Mr. Lipari to accept the highest bid for the 2007 Ford Expedition. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously agreed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council needs a voting delegate and an alternate for the PSAB conference. Mr. McGowan advised he is the current voting delegate. Mayor Barrett volunteered as alternate.

Ms. Garcia advised at the last meeting Council tabled the decision to hire a Chaplin. Council asked the opinions of both Chief Meehan and Chief Sipel and they agreed having a Chaplin would benefit the Police and Fire Departments. Council asked to have the Chaplin submit a formal proposal for consideration by both Fire and Police Chiefs. Chiefs can then make a recommendation to Council.

Ms. Garcia advised the second meeting of May falls on the Memorial Day holiday and the first meeting of June will fall during the PSAB Conference. A motion made by Mr. Palinkas to cancel the meetings for May 28, 2018 and June 11, 2018 and give permission to Ms. Garcia to pay the bills. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Ms. Garcia advised the Borough will need to increase sewer rates. Ms. Garcia will speak to Solicitor Margle to amend the Ordinance to increase the sewer rates.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

##### POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested a motion to make a conditional offer of employment for two part-time Police Officers Eric Smith and Matthew Sands. Motion made by Mr. Burke. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Meehan advised the i-Pads are configured and the department has started training and implementation.

Chief Meehan received a request from the Lehigh Valley Health Network concerning the VIA Marathon on September 9, 2018. LVHN is asking for permission to use a small portion of Lehigh Drive. A motion made by Ms. Taylor to allow use of Lehigh Dr for Marathon. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

Chief Meehan advised the civil service list has been exhausted. Chief Meehan would like a motion to start a new civil service list. A motion was made by Ms. Taylor. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

Chief Meehan presented a list of statistics encompassing the first four (4) months of 2018.

Wilson Borough Police issued:

182 Traffic Citations

17 Non-Traffic Citations

174 Parking Tickets

59 Adult Arrests

3 Juvenile Arrests

Officers responded to 1800 calls in those first four months.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested a motion to make a conditional offer for three Call Firefighters, Nathaniel Johnson, Josue Castellano and Patrick Smith. A motion made by Mr. Palikas. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake requested a motion to approve Tim Horan for summer help pending all background checks. Motion made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Woodring. Council unanimously agreed.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mr. Drake advised UGI will be digging up and paving half of Front Street. Mr. Drake requested a motion to waive the permit fees. Mr. Lipari made a motion. Second by Mr. Burke. Council unanimously approved.

Mr. Drake advised he is contact with Lamar about the construction of the billboard and they will contact Mr. Drake when construction will begin.

Mr. Drake advised that the pool has a leak and he feels it is unsafe. Mr. Palinkas would like to have a feasibility study completed this year. Ms. Garcia advised we can withdraw money from a CD that will be coming due in June. A motion made by Mr. Palinkas to take \$200,000 from CD when matured. Second by Mr. Bracken. Motion passed by a 7 to 1 vote. Yes votes cast by: Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Woodring, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Burke. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan.

Mr. Palinkas congratulated the baseball association on a great first day.

Motion made by Mr. Lipari to hire life guards pending completion of their life guard certifications: Dylan Himstedt, Anthony Heater and Sadi MacArthur. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

Motion made by Mr. Lipari to hire life guard Megan Hoskins. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously approved.

Motion made by Mr. Lipari hire Allyson Palinkas as assistant pool manager. There was no second. Motion failed for lack of second.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised Ordinance #788 is ready for advertisement. Ms. Taylor made a motion to advertise. Second by Mr. Bracken.

Solicitor Margle advised the agreement for employee #908 will be completed for approval at the next regular council meeting.

Solicitor Margle advised the agreement for Dells kitchen operation at the pool will be ready for the next regular council meeting.

Solicitor Margle requested a motion to create a new Ordinance for Handicap parking requirements and permits. Motion made by Ms. Taylor. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously approved.

Solicitor Margle advised an appraisal agreement has been signed on a Borough Property and council should receive an inspection report in two weeks.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Palinkas asked Council's permission to allow overtime pay for Mr. Wamsley and Ms. Jones to attend the monthly Code Committee Meetings. A motion by Mr. Lipari was made to approve the overtime. Second by Mr. Bracken. Council unanimously agreed.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

CAUCUS:

Solicitor Margle requested a motion to rescind the action of April 9, 2018 for employee #908. A motion was made by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Palinkas. Council unanimously approved.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$198,799.24 were paid on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Burke. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Second by Mr. Burke and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER