

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
December 28, 2020

The second meeting of December of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held virtually via Zoom. President Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Justin Woodring  
Russell Lipari  
James McGowan  
Tony Verenna

John Burke  
Scott Palinkas  
David Jones  
Jeffrey Bracken

ABSENT: Pamela Taylor

Also present were: Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, Police Chief Christian Meehan, Fire Chief Joseph Sipel, Supervisor of Public Works Eric Flowers, and Code Officer Emanuel Machado.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve Budget and Council Meeting minutes from December 14, 2020. Second by Mr. Woodring. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised Tax Collector; Dorothy Klass wrote a letter to Council requesting a compensation increase from \$7000 p/year to \$10,800 p/year. A motion made by Mr. Bracken to approve the drafting of an ordinance to increase the tax collector compensation. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested a motion to allow the Borough Manger to sign the agreement to purchase a new Ladder Truck. A motion made by Mr. Jones to approve. Second by Mr., Palinkas. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers requested a rate increase for a Part-Time public works employee to \$15 p/hr., with a max of 25 hours p/week. Mr. Flowers also requested permission to have the Part-Time employee begin January 4, 2021. A motion made by Mr. Lipari approve. Second by Mr. Burke. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

2020 COMMITTEE:

NONE

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT

NONE

ATTORNEY:

NONE

COG:

NONE

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lipari asked the Solicitor's opinion on creating an ordinance allowing local restaurants to open for business and disregarding the Governor's recommendation of closing all indoor eating. Solicitor Margle advised against such an ordinance advising State Government supersedes Local Government.

ORDINANCES:

A motion to approve Ordinance # 799 made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Jones. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. Burke and Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with an 6-2 vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution # 1250 made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Lipari. A motion to approve Resolution # 1250 made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Jones. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. No vote cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion passed with an 7-1 vote.

CAUCUS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$73,066.15. A motion to approve the bills made by Mr. Burke. Second by Mr. Lipari. Roll call vote followed. Yes votes were cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lipari, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Verenna, and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Verenna made a Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Second by Mr. Jones and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER