

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
May 13, 2024

The first meeting of May of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. Council President John Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Russell Lipari	Susan Allen	Kimberlee Muzac
Justin Woodring	Shaun Gable	Jeffrey Bracken via phone
Charlie Wacik	John Burke	Scott Palinkas

ABSENT:

NONE

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Wacik to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

GUEST:

Mr. Christian Jacobson of the Pettit Group, Engineer for Taco Bell appeared before Council requesting approval of Preliminary/Final Land Development plan and the following waivers:

1. SLDO SECTION 153-13.D(2)(A) to allow preliminary/final plan approval simultaneously.
2. SLDO Section 153-49.B(12) which requires that plans to show all existing buildings, existing utilities and other existing significant man-made features within 500 feet of the tract with the condition that the plan be revised to show existing gas lines on site.
3. SLDO Section 153-19.B(13) which requires the plans to show all existing streets within 500 feet of the site including name, right-of-way widths and cartway widths.
4. SLDO Section 153-50.C(15) which requires a stormwater drainage plan.

A motion to approve all waivers and preliminary/final plan approval conditioned upon the applicant's compliance with the Borough Engineers review letter dated May 9, 2024, made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Palinkas. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a letter from Humberto & Sandra Castano of 934 S 24<sup>th</sup> St., in reference to parking issues in their neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Castano were present and discussed the various issues with Council. Public works advised they will be painting "public parking" on the parking spaces in the rear of the homes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke advised that Public Works and Fire Department would like to begin contract talks.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett received an application for a handicap parking spot at 2023 Ealer Ave. The applicant meets all the requirements and there is only one other handicap spot on the block. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Muzac. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised the next Council meeting will fall on Memorial Day. A motion to cancel the May 27, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to allow her to pay the bills until the next scheduled council meeting on June 10, 2024. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

##### PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

##### POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested Council's permission to hire two applicants that will attend the next Police Academy class and will receive pay and benefits for themselves only. This has been budgeted. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Ms. Muzac. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

##### FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire Mr. Ryan Corey as a part-time Fire Fighter. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission for the Fire Department to assist in the Wilson High School Graduation parade. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

##### PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

##### PARKS:

NONE

##### CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

##### CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

##### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mr. Woodring presented a copy of the estimate for the Comprehensive Plan. A motion made by Mr. Lipari to allow Ms. Monica Wall, Borough Engineer, to prepare grants for the Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

##### CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Gable to send Solicitor Margle to the Zoning Hearing on May 28, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

A motion to allow merger of parcels at 2429 Lennox St. made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

A motion to allow the Solicitor to research parcel merger of 1723 and 1725 Northampton St. made by Mr. Palinkas. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle updated council on the Lehigh Drive project and stated he requested a filing of eminent domain. The owner of the property has 30 days to appeal. Solicitor Margle is going to obtain an appraisal to get a fair value of the tract of land.

Solicitor Margle attended the Northampton County Council Economic Development Committee meeting on May 2, 2024 along with the Borough Manager, Mayor and a few Council members. The committee discussed a TIF application submitted by the Dixie Developers. Solicitor Margle advised he will keep Council informed on the status of the TIF.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$305,908.44. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Woodring. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Palinkas, Mr. Wacik and Mr. Woodring. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Wilfredo Rodriguez of 1915 Northampton St. expressed his concerns with parking in the Borough and accidents that occur at 19<sup>th</sup> and Northampton Streets.

Mr. Mark McCarty of 2339 2<sup>nd</sup> St. expressed concerns with marking up newly paved streets.

CAUCUS:

Council entered caucus at 8:50 pm  
Council returned from caucus at 9:35 pm

The purpose of the caucus was to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Gable made a Motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm. Seconded by Mr. Wacik and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER