

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
September 23, 2024

The second meeting of September 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:

Susan Allen	John Burke	Jeffrey Bracken	Michael Figueroa
Shaun Gable	Charles Wacik	Russell Lipari	Kimberlee Muzac

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas

Also present were Solicitor Stanley Margle, Borough Manager Jill Garcia, and Police Chief Christian Meehan.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Wacik to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia received a request from Palmer Volunteer Fire to hold their annual picnic on October 6, 2024, from 1pm to 5pm. The Borough will provide barricades. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke reported to Council that the remediation at the Dixie site has started.

Mr. Burke and Mayor Barrett attended the most recent Palmer Township Board of Supervisors meeting and are happy to report Palmer Township is supportive of the Wood Ave Project and offered assistance should the Borough need it.

Mr. Burke stated Palmer Township advised they received a Planning Application for the 25<sup>th</sup> Street Shopping center requesting to add some retail space. Palmer Township wants to keep the Borough apprised of changes that may impact the Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Fall Fest is October 10-13, 2024

Trick or Treat is October 31, 2024, 6pm – 8pm

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to advertise for bids to pave S. 24<sup>th</sup> St. A motion to approve made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Ms. Gable. . A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to award Liquid Fuels for paving Liberty and N. 17<sup>th</sup> Streets to the lowest bidder, Bracalente. A motion to award the bid made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Ms. Muzac. . A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to certify the 2024 MMO's (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Fire \$33,385, Non-uniform \$57,278, and Police \$159,641. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. . A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Burke asked Mr. Figueroa join the General Government Committee and Ms. Muzac to Chair the Committee. They both accepted.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:

Ms. Gable asked if there are any updates on the new Police building? Solicitor Margle advised he would give an update in his report.

FIRE: Chief Sipel thanked the Civil Service Board for helping with Firefighter testing.

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Flowers advised Council needs to start thinking about purchasing a new sewer truck. Council suggested he researched used trucks from other municipalities.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Bingo at the Bandshell will be held on Saturday September 21, 2024, was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

The Fall Fest will be held October 10 – 13, 2024 at Meuser Park.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mr. Burke advised he will be taking over as Committee Chair.

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Zoning Hearing will be held September 24, 2024, for 25 N 17<sup>th</sup> St. A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor, Mr. Figueroa, and Ms. Allen attend the hearing made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. . A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle made council aware the payment for a land transfer transaction has not been cashed, this does not change the agreement.

Solicitor Margle advised a street opening permit was submitted for Penn Jersey at 2134 Northampton St. The Borough received an escrow of \$20,000 that will cover the Engineering and Legal fees.

Solicitor Margle said the attorney for the Balata Street property advised he is waiting for an estimate of cost for remediation and lift removal.

MECAB:

Mr. Burke advised he will be assigning a Councilperson to MECAB at the next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution # 1294 LSA Grant for a Bucket Truck made by Ms. Allen. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. . A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$153,668.08. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 7:59. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER