

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 14, 2024

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. Council President John Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Susan Allen John Burke Jeffrey Bracken
Shaun Gable Charles Wacik

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas, Kimberlee Muzac, Russ Lipari, Michael Figueroa

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

A motion by Mr. Wacik to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

GUEST:

Keystone Consulting Engineers for 2410 Ferry St. Property requested a waiver to simultaneously approve the preliminary/final plan. 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, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A waiver to allow a radius of five feet at the driveway entrances along Ferry St. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Ms. Allen. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A motion to approve the plan as submitted subject to satisfied conditions in the Engineers review. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Daniel Redington, Director of Mary Meuser Library requested a \$2,000 increase in the Borough's contribution to the Library's 2025 budget. Mr. Burke advised Council will take his request under consideration during the upcoming budget meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke requested thoughts and prayers for Mr. Corriere.

Mr. Burke thanked the Office staff, Public Works, Police, Fire, Volunteers and Celebration Committee for all their support during the Fall festival.

Mr. Burke advised Northampton County Council rescheduled the IDA (Industrial Development Authority) meeting for October 24, 2024. A motion to allow Solicitor Margle to attend made by Ms. Allen. Seconded by Mr. Wacik, A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Burke received two handicapped parking requests:

1704 Lehigh St: This will be a temporary handicap parking spot. The resident is required to notify the Borough when her temporary condition is resolved to have the parking spot removed. A motion to approve made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

1803 Fairview Ave.: There are two other handicap spots on the block, applicant meets requirements. A motion to approve made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:

Chief Meehan advised Council he received a PCCD Grant in the amount of \$30,000 that will be used for sign on bonuses.

Chief Meehan thanked Mr. Charlie Wacik and Ms. Winnie Howie for working the Police tent at the Fall Fest.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel thanked Celebration Committee for the shed at the Fall Fest.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

NONE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised that Beatty Contractors filed an appeal for creation of a board to view and determine if the compensation they received is fair.

Solicitor Margle advised the applicant for 25 N. 17th St. was denied relief by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Solicitor Margle advised there are three conditions under review by the seller of the Balata Street property.

Solicitor Margle advised 2134 Northampton St. was the site of potential contamination of a gas tank that leaked about thirty feet below ground. The entity in Harrisburg that is charged with the responsibility sent contractors at no cost to the owner of the land and remediation is in effect. A permit, surety and escrow agreement has been obtained.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion for a vote of no confidence for Mr. Palinkas made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$1,034,719.17. A motion to pay the bills 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, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

NONE

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 7:43. Seconded by Mr. Bracken and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER