

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
November 11, 2024

The First meeting of November 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	Russell Lipari
Shaun Gable	Charles Wacik	Kimberlee Muzac	Michael Figueroa

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas

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 October 28, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised that the Veterans Day Parade was held November 11, 2024.

Mayor Barrett advised the Tree Lighting sponsored by the Lions Club will be held on Friday, November 29, 2024; festivities to begin at 6 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised she received a complaint about clinics for a fee being held at the Borough pickleball courts and prevented Borough residents from using the courts. Mr. Lipari advised Mr. Bob Weiss is teaching groups how to play pickleball. Ms. Garcia advised he needs to come before Council and present his plan for Councils' approval before he can continue teaching.

Ms. Garcia advised that Public Works Association would like to extend their current contract for one year. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the next meeting will be on November 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised he attended the Northampton County IDA (Industrial Development Authority) meeting along with Council President John Burke and Council Person Kimberlee Muzac. Solicitor Margle advised the process is moving as fast as Government allows. Solicitor Margle will keep Council apprised of the status.

Solicitor Margle advised that a Board of Review has been appointed and Solicitor Margle will advise when the hearing is scheduled.

Solicitor Margle advised the acquisition and improvement of the property on Balata St. is moving forward.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion for a vote of no-confidence on Councilman Palinkas. Second by Mr. Wacik. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$220,478.71 A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with an 8-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Pat Hurd of 1803 Fairview Ave. expressed that she would like to see Council do a survey of residents to examine the need of assistance for, but not limited to Band, Drama and School Sports. She suggested Council should begin to apply for grants.

Ms. Sandy Berkane of 1912 Ferry St. and Ms. Christy McNally of 4097 Lawn St. advised of an incident that happened on October 13, 2024, at the Wilson Fall Fest which resulted in four members and several volunteers of the Celebrate Wilson Committee stepping down. At the last meeting the resigning members made two motions prior to their resignation: first they voted to purchase additional lights for the park for the holiday season and second to donate the Committee's fundraising apparel leftovers, old and new to the Lincs Center. The vote was unanimously approved for the additional lights but the decision to donate the apparel has become controversial. Ms. Berkane and Ms. McNally respectfully asked Council to honor the final vote to donate the Committee apparel to the LINCS.

Mr. Bracken advised as far as the apparel the inventory still belong to the committee and should stay with the committee to aid in future fundraising opportunities.

Linda Hewitt of 2325 2<sup>nd</sup> St. advised Council her neighbor has a junk vehicle in her driveway that is filled with trash as well as trash piled up along side the vehicle. Ms. Jones advised that the Code Officer is aware of the issue and is in the process of sending a notice of violation.

CAUCUS:

Entered caucus at 8:20 pm.

Exited caucus at 8:34 pm.

The purpose of the Caucus was to discuss personnel matters.

A motion to implement Attorney Harrison's advice regarding employee #122 made by Ms. Allen. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac. Mr. Wacik abstained. Motion passed with a 7-0-1 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bracken made a Motion to adjourn at 8:35 Seconded by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER