

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
January 13, 2025

The First meeting of January 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	Michael Figueroa	Charles Wacik

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas, Russell Lipari, Kimberly Muzac

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. Bracken to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia presented a request from St. Jane's to close Filbert St. Alley between 19th and 20th Streets on Friday April 25, 2025 for the 16th Annual Hawk Walk. Closure hours will be from 7:45 am to 11:00 am. A motion to approve was 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, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia advised Council that Mr. Bracken's term of appointment to the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority Board expired on 12/31/24. EAJSA requests a new appointment be made for a 5 year term ending 12/31/2030. A motion made by Mr. Wacik to reappoint Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Mr. Bracken abstained. Motion passed with a 5-0-1 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the next meeting will be January 14, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

Mr. Burke requested a motion to hold the Fall fest October 10th, 11th and 12th, 2025. A motion to approve 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. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Planning Commission reviewed an application from 132 S. 17th Street. The Planning Commission did not act favorably, and the applicant will go before the Zoning Hearing Board on January 28, 2025. Solicitor Margle recommended a member of Council or the Solicitor appearing at the Zoning Hearing.

Solicitor Margle advised 1991 Northampton St. is still working on revising plans.

Solicitor Margle advised a letter with the deadline of 12/16/24 was sent to the Balata St. property owner to respond to the Borough's agreement of sale. No response to the letter was received.

Solicitor Margle advised there have been issues dealing with the IDA and County Council and the Dixie Building TIF. Ms. Garcia suggested Skyline should consider use of a LERTA (which was recently repealed to allow a TIF to be put in place). The LERTA would not require approval by all three taxing bodies which would allow the project to proceed.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Gable made a motion to send electronic meeting packets only to Mr. Palinkas. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Bracken made a motion to allow the Police Chief and Solicitor create a press release in reference to Mr. Palinkas' behavior and video. The press release is to be reviewed by Council before being released to the public. Seconded by Ms. Gable. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1298 – Records disposition made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$270,214.23 A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Sal Pugliese of 2225 Hackett Ave. expressed his concerns related to the office staff charging for copies made at the Borough Office and/or requiring landlords to make their own copies of forms.

CAUCUS:

A motion to enter caucus made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. Council unanimously approved.
Enter Caucus at 7:47 pm.
Exited Caucus at 8:16 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bracken made a Motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm Seconded by Mr. Wacik and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER