

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
December 9, 2024

The First meeting of December 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	Kimberlee Muzac	Michael Figueroa

ABSENT:

Scott Palinkas, Russell Lipari

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 November 25, 2024, meeting. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Burke advised the County IDA (Industrial Development Authority) meeting has been cancelled. He will advise Council when it is rescheduled.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Tree lighting will be held in Meuser Park at 6 pm Friday, November 29, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett received a handicap application for 30 N 21<sup>st</sup> St, meets all the requirements. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Muzac. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to approve the Public Works Supervisor contract. Motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to approve the Public Works Foreman contract. Motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to approve the Telco payment #1 of \$10,713.55 for traffic light at 18<sup>th</sup> and Northampton St. A motion to approve made by Mr. Figueroa. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan requested permission to conduct testing in 2025 as the current civil service list has been exhausted. A motion to approve made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Ms. Gable. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

FIRE:

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire call fire fighter Mr. Shawn Boyer. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to hire call fire fighter Mr. Brett Buskirk. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Ms. Muzac. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Chief Sipel requested Council's permission to make a conditional offer of employment to Mr. Ryan Nelson as a full time fire fighter. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wacik. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be held in January 2025.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the next meeting will be on December 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

NONE.

ATTORNEY:

A motion authorizing Solicitor Margle to respond to a letter received from Mr. Stephen Kessler to advise Mr. Kessler of actions that need to be taken. A motion to approve made by Ms. Allen. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

A motion to include a nonbiased synopsis of events recorded on body camera between a Wilson Borough Police Officer and Councilman Palinkas, be noted in the letter to the Borough State Ethics board and advise that a copy of the video can be requested to review was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bracken advised the Borough should be looking into acquiring franchise agreements with Comcast.

A motion made by Mr. Bracken to cancel the December 23, 2024, Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia requested a motion to pay the bills for the remainder of calendar year 2024. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Bracken. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve Resolution #1297 – Salary Resolution made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$34,482.69 A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Mark McCarty of 2339 2<sup>nd</sup> Street recommended coordinating utility work being done before a street is repaved.

CAUCUS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bracken made a Motion to adjourn at 7:46 Seconded by Mr. Wacik and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
CLERK/TREASURER