

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
March 10, 2025

The First meeting of March 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:

John Burke	Russell Lipari	Shaun Gable	Michael Figueroa
Kimberly Muzac	Charles Wacik	Jeffrey Bracken	

ABSENT:

Susan Allen

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 to approve meeting minutes from February 24, 2025, made by Mr. Bracken. Second by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

GUEST:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke advised the Northampton County IDA meeting has been cancelled and he will be calling Northampton County to get more information. Mr. Bracken requested that Ms. Garcia be copied on all correspondence regarding the Dixie property meetings and discussions.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Barrett advised the Wilson School District Key Club, and the elementary school reached out to him about doing a clean up of Wilson Borough on Earth Day April 22, 2025. The Key Club asked that the Borough supply the garbage bags and reflective vests. A motion to approve made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Ms. Gable. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

Ms. Garica requested a motion to advertise for bids for a second round Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Grant. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Second by Mr. Figueroa. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Bracken suggested that the committee meets bi-weekly to begin discussions about finding new and inventive ways to increase revenue in Wilson Borough. Mr. Lipari offered to step down from the General Government committee to allow Mr. Bracken to join.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

NONE

POLICE:

NONE

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Bracken advised that Mr. Flowers, Supervisor of Public Works said there is an issue with the sewer truck that has now been temporarily fixed. Mr. Bracken asked Mr. Flowers to investigate what the price of new truck and used trucks are and report back to Council.

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITTEE:

NONE

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Burke advised the Flavor Jam Food Truck Festival will be held at Meuser Park on May 3, 2025, 8 am – 5 pm.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Ms. Lynn Nunamaker was to be interviewed as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Nunamaker did not appear at the scheduled time, nor did she advise she would not be attending the meeting. A motion to contact Ms. Nunamaker to see if she is still interested and table the interview until next Council meeting was made by Mr. Lipari. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Council unanimously approved.

ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised that Council must take steps to fill the vacant Council seat. Ms. Garcia advised the vacancy has been advertised and she has received one letter of interest. Interviews are scheduled for the next Council meeting.

Solicitor Margle stated that Council voted to have him appear at the the City of Easton Planning meeting for the Wood Avenue Warehouse. Misinformation has been publicly spreading that Wilson Borough voted to approve the warehouse despite the fact there was a groundswell of opposition at the Borough Council meeting. Solicitor Margle and Council agreed there were several Borough residents present however no one made negative comments. The only two attendees in opposition at that meeting were Mr. Pintabone, a Councilman from the City of Easton and Mr. Brett of the Easton Redevelopment Authority stating he was representing Palmer Township Board of Supervisors when in fact he was not authorized to do so. Solicitor Margle advised the decision to approve the warehouse was a by right application by the developer, meaning there were no special exceptions, conditional uses, nonconforming uses or variances required for approval. This is an approved use for the location. Solicitor Margle advised that the March Easton City Planning meeting was postponed until April 2, 2025, because Easton City Council and Easton Planning Commission are waiting for the report from PennDOT. PennDOT is issuing an HOP (Highway Occupancy Permit) on the site for recommendation of improvement at the intersection of Wood and Hackett Avenues. Solicitor Margle advised the Borough Council's approval is conditioned upon PennDOT recommendations. Solicitor Margle will appear at the April 2, 2025, City of Easton Planning Commission meeting.

Solicitor Margle commented on the Borough Planning Commission meeting held on March 4, 2025, and the presentation from 1991 Northampton St. Borough Council made suggestions when the applicant, 1991 Northampton Street appeared before Council. Council suggested to change the location of the building and to avoid vacating S. 20th St. The applicant did not make any of the suggested changes when presented to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission did not make any recommendation to Borough Council.

MECAB:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Figueroa was approached by Life Church about holding an event at the band shell. Council advised the Church needs to come before Council either physically to a meeting or write a letter to be read at a Council meeting and then they will be advised of the decision.

ORDINANCES:

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$221,488.95. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Ms. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Sal Pugliese of 2225 Hackett Ave. discussed issues with ADA ramp and flooding in his basement when it rains and trash removal issues.

Ms. Grace Hurd of 1803 Fairview Ave. advised she is applying for the vacant Council seat.

Mr. Gary McBride of 151 S 19th St. advised he would like to donate trash receptacles for dog waste. Mr. Flowers will check the prices and report back to Mr. McBride.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES
CLERK/TREASURER