#### WILSON BOROUGH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA March 24, 2025

The Second 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	Susan Allen

ABSENT:

NONE

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 March 10, 2025, made by Mr. Wacik. 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.

#### COUNCIL VACANCY

Council interviewed Ms. Grace Hurd, the only interested applicant for the vacant Council seat. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bracken to appoint Ms. Hurd to the vacant seat. 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:

Mr. Steve Newton of the Wilson Youth Football Association requested Council's permission for the use of Fisk Field for flag football beginning April 14, 2025, through the first week of June 2025. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Second by Ms. Muzac. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia received communication from Cornerstone Church requesting permission to host their annual Vacation Bible School in Meuser Park, June 23 – 27, 2025, 9am -12pm. A motion to approve made by Ms. Hurd. Seconded by Ms. Gable. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia received communication from Cornerstone Church requesting permission to hold a Sunday Service and Picnic for parishioners in Meuser Park on June 8, 2025. They advised there would be 400-500 participants. Council tabled the request and asked that representatives appear at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Garcia received communication from United Fellowship Lutheran church requesting permission to host their annual Sunday Service and Picnic for parishioners in Meuser Park on August 3, 2025, from 8:30am – 2:30pm. A motion to approve made by Ms. Gable. Seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Ms. Garcia received communication from Consuming Fire Deliverance Ministries requesting permission to host a Praise Pop-Up in Meuser Park. Council tabled the request and asked that representatives appear at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Garcia received communication from Ms. Melody Johnson requesting Council's permission to close Washington Blvd. between 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Streets for her son's graduation party. A motion to deny made by Ms. Allen. Seconded by Ms. Hurd. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, and Mr. Wacik. No votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Lipari and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 6-3 vote. Council requested Ms. Johnson attend the next Council meeting to discuss her request further.

Mr. Bracken made a motion to require all Communications and Petitions requesting parties to come before Council with all requests for use of Borough facilities. 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 and Mr. Wacik. No votes cast by Ms. Hurd and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 7-2 vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Burke thanked the Wilson Fire Department and all responding Fire Departments for knocking down the fire at the Dixie building.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

NONE

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:** 

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Bracken requested permission to hold meetings with the Wilson Area School District regularly as a bridge between the Borough and the School District. A motion to approve by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY

NONE

POLICE:

Chief Meehan received a request from Mr. Bartee to use Wilson Police Officers to patrol the Dixie property. Council discussed the request. A motion made by Mr. Bracken for Mr. Burke to speak to Mr. Bartee about perusing other avenues such as private security. Second by Ms. Allen. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

FIRE:

NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

NONE

PARKS:

NONE

CODE COMMITEE:

NONE

**CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:** 

NONE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

NONE

CODE DEPARTMENT/ZONING/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Ms. Lynn Nunamaker appeared before Council for an interview as she expressed interested in being an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. A motion was made by Ms. Hurd to approve Ms. Nunamaker as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. No vote cast by Ms. Allen. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

# ATTORNEY:

Solicitor Margle advised the Easton Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2025. A motion to have Solicitor Margle, Ms. Allen, Mr. Burke and Ms. Muzac appear at the Planning Commission meeting made by Mr. Bracken. Seconded by Ms. Gable. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

MECAB:

Mr. Bracken advised he reached out to Freemansburg Borough regarding MECAB and has not received a response. Mr. Bracken also contacted Fountain Hill Borough and was advised they appointed someone to MECAB in October 2024, however, MECAB has never had any meetings. There is no MECAB website or email address.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES:

NONE

**RESOLUTIONS:** 

NONE

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills were in the amount of \$179,629.08 A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Wacik. Second by Mr. Lipari. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Ms. Allen, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Burke, Ms. Gable, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. Motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Mr. Sal Pugliese of 2225 Hackett Ave. discussed trash removal issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm Second by Mr. Fugueroa and Council concurred.

STEPHANIE N. JONES CLERK/TREASURER