

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 21, 2012

A Budget Meeting of the Council of Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, President Feinberg called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg, President
Russ Lipari
Louis Starniri
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan

ABSENT:

Winnie Howey, David Jones, David Williams, Ryan Woodring

Also present: Mayor David S. Perruso

Mr. Feinberg informed Council that the Borough had received a letter that the sewer authority is raising the Borough's rate by \$113,000.00 next year. Mr. McGowan added that the sewer authority was raising everyone's rates. Mr. Starniri stated that the Borough would have to pass the increase to the consumer. Mr. Feinberg stated that the Borough never accounted for a lot of the sewer expenses. One of the expenses was Ms. Guth's salary. She spends about 1/2 of her time on sewer related duties. Mr. McGowan asked if the Borough was going to start charging all the department's for its expenses. He felt that Mr. Behler's salary was more than enough. Mr. Feinberg suggested raising the sewer rates by \$0.36 per unit of sewerage. The average sewer bill would increase \$21.60 per year.

Ms. Lohrman informed Council that the present budget draft showed a deficit of \$283,216.65.

Mr. Feinberg suggested increasing parking meters from \$0.25 to \$0.50 per hour. Mr. Drake would have to rent a scanner in order to change the amount for meters. Revenue would increase to \$95,000.00.

Mr. Feinberg suggested decreasing Lease/Purchase Equipment (01-430-084) to \$4,000.00.

Mr. Feinberg questioned Pool Recreation Equipment (01-453-089). Mr. Lipari responded that the committee wanted to purchase a slide and/or a mushroom for the pool. A question arose about the Rec Board Treasurer's Report. Mr. Lipari and Mr. Starniri questioned why the Rec Board had \$41,000.00 in the bank. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer responded that Rec Board uses the funds for extra purchases that the associations did not have the money for. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated they may be purchasing a shed for Fisk Field. Mr. Lipari felt that the balances should be going down every year. Mr. Lipari discussed differences on how the recreation program work in Williams Township and Wilson Borough. Mr. Feinberg suggested that the Rec Board should require the associations to have budgets. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer will discuss the matter with Rec Board.

Mr. Starniri questioned why only \$8,715.67 was used out of the pool equipment line item. Mr. Lipari responded that the ADA lifts were purchased for both pools. The Commonwealth charged its mind and decided that only one pool had to have the lift. The funds were originally were to be used for the slide and the mushroom, but instead were used for the lifts.

The following line items were changed after a discussion on Mr. Feinberg's proposal:

01-400-006 Clerk Salary	1/2 to Sewer Department	\$18,500.00
01-402-011 Fuel, Electric Gas	1/8 to Sewer Department	\$2,500.00
01-402-021 Telephone	to Sewer Department	\$400.00
01-410-019 Computer Purchase	to Sewer Capacity	\$6,000.00
01-410-032 Camera Maintenance	to Sewer Capacity	\$14,309.00
01-411-084 Police Car	to Sewer Capacity	\$34,203.00
01-413-050 Hose Couplings	to Sewer Capacity	\$3,500.00
01-413-082 Monitor Pagers	to Sewer Capacity	\$1,750.00
01-413-083 New Equip. Trnout	to Sewer Capacity	\$5,100.00
01-416-001 Salary Code Officer	to HOME program	\$10,000.00
01-416-083 Computer Purchase	to Sewer Capacity	\$1,000.00
01-430-total	to Sewer	\$40,000.00
01-470-001 Emp. Ret. Fund	to Sewer	\$1,629.00
01-470-004 Emp. Health Ins.	to Sewer	\$37,731.00

01-470-009 Longevity	to sewer	\$2,290.00
01-471-001 Workman's Comp	to sewer	\$10,500.00
01-471-002 Other Insurance	to sewer	\$4,750.00

Total Sewer Department \$118,300.00
Total Sewer Capacity \$65,589.00
HOME Program \$10,000.00

Other line item changes were:

Land Improvements (01-451-081) from \$10,000.00 to \$2,000.00
Sand Volleyball (01-451-081) from \$4,000.00 to \$2,000.00
Pool Electric (01-453-011) from \$13,000.00 to \$8,000.00
Pool Equipment (01-453-087) from \$4,000.00 to \$2,000.00
Community Center Maintenance & Equipment (01-455-089) from \$10,000.00 to \$3,000.00

There were no updates on contract negotiations with the Police Department of the Public Works Department.

With no further budget items to discuss, Mr. Feinberg adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY