

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
NOVEMBER 26, 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	Winnie Howey (Late)
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Russ Lipari
James McGowan	Louis Starniri
David Williams	Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Jones

Also present: Mayor David S. Perruso, Chief Michael Collins

Council further discussed the possible increase in sewer rates. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired if Ms. Lohrman had calculated what an increase in mileage would mean to the average homeowner. Ms. Lohrman responded that she would have to know what the mileage increase would be before she could do the calculation. An increase in the sewer rates does not equate with a tax increase. The sewer rate per unit is not a tax. It is a user fee.

Council clarified several line items. The revenue line items discussed were: Highway Services, Reimburse Cleaning Services, LST income, Recycling Performance and Billboard Rental Income. The expense line items discussed were: Police Clothing Allowance, Drug Enforcement Funds, Graffiti Removal Supplies and Animal Control Expenses. No changes were made to any of the line items discussed.

The Shade Tree line item was also discussed. Mr. Woodring and Mr. Starniri would like to keep funds in the budget. There presently is not a Shade Tree Commission as all the members have moved out of the Borough. Grants may be available through the County for shade trees. Mr. Starniri would like to revisit the Shade Tree matter in the early Spring.

Chief Collins appeared before Council to discuss the part-time wages of the employees who no longer work shifts. Tentatively Council is looking at a 2% increase to part-time employees. Chief Collins would like Council to consider changing the rate to non-shift employees from \$15.37 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. Chief Collins also suggested adding a third step in the hourly rate to hosemen. Chief Collins would also like to have Council consider given firefighters an additional \$0.50 per hour to those employees who complete the Fire Fighter I training. Chief Collins was asked to prepare a proposal to Ms. Lohrman for Council to review.

Chief Collins discussed inspection fees with Council. The fees collected when the permits are received do not cover all the inspections that Chief Collins does. Chief Collins felt that the Borough could have earned an additional \$4,300.00 in inspection fees. Chief Collins was asked to prepare a proposal of inspection fees. Mr. Minotti affirmed that the fees could be set by resolution.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer made a Motion to raise the sewer rates by \$0.37 per unit. The current rate is \$3.73 per unit. The proposed rate would be \$4.10 per unit of water. Second by Mr. Woodring. Affirmative votes were cast by: Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Howey, Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer, Mr. Lipari, Mr. Starniri, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodring. A Negative vote was cast by Mr. McGowan. Motion carried by a seven to one vote. Ms. Lohrman will supply the appropriate information to Mr. Minotti in order for him to prepare an ordinance to change the sewer rates.

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 6:57 p.m.

Transcribed from a tape.

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KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY

