

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 16, 2013

A Workshop Meeting of the Council Of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Leonard Feinberg, President Winnie Howey
 Joan Lilly-Kemmerer (Late) Russ Lipari
 Louis Starniri (Left Early)

ABSENT: David Jones, James McGowan, David Williams, Ryan Woodring

Mr. Feinberg opened the meeting to discuss the preliminary 2014 budget. Council began the meeting with the Expenditure Report.

The following budget line items were adjusted:

01400-013 Computer Service and Supplies	from \$8,000.00 to \$1,000.00
01400-024 Engineering Expenses	from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00
01400-024 Assn. Dues & Conv. Expenses	from \$7,000.00 to \$6,000.00
01400-030 Other Legal Expenses	from \$15,000.00 to \$10,000.00
01-400-032 Arbitration Expenses	from \$2,500.00 to \$0.00
01-400-087 Computer Purchase	from \$0.00 to \$1,000.00
01-410-008 Wages of Meter Attendants	from \$46,000.00 to \$45,000.00
01-410-019 Computer Purchase	from \$4,000.00 to Sewer Capacity
01-410-020 Nextel Phones	from \$5,750.00 to \$3,500.00
01-410-032 Camera Maintenance	from \$13,309.15 to Sewer Capacity
01-411-084 Purchase of Vehicles	from \$34,965.00 to Sewer Capacity
01-413-050 Hose & Couplings	from \$3,500.00 to Sewer Capacity
01-413-082 Replacement of Monitor Pagers	from \$1,750.00 to Sewer Capacity
01-413-083 New Equipment	from \$5,400.00 to Sewer Capacity
01-414-084 Vehicles	from \$450,000.00 to \$0.00
01-430-002 Wages	from \$191,336.57 to \$171,336.57
01-430-013 Training	from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00
01-431-000 Weed, Grass Cutting, Etc.	from \$7,000.00 to \$5,000.00
01-434-000 Street Lighting	from \$85,000.00 to \$72,000.00

Council would like Mr. Drake to clarify what items were in his budget proposal from line items 01-430-052 to line item 01-438-004.

A discussion was held on line item 01-450-094 Fisk Field. Ms. Lohrman was unsure if all the invoices for line painting for football had been received. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer added that that was where the \$3,000.00 for the expenses for redoing Jeffrey Field and the softball field at Fisk Field were being taken from.

01-451-011 Electricity, Telephone, Water from \$12,000.00 to \$7,000.00

Ms. Lohrman will look at the past history of line items 01-451-040 Maint. & Repairs to Property and 01-451-081 Land Improvements.

Ms. Lohrman informed Council about the on-going problems at Meuser Park. Garbage bags have been dumped behind the pavilions and vandalism issues. Over this past weekend, sand was dumped in the toilets and urinals. Mr. Drake had a terrible time getting the sand removed. The water will be turned off in the park after the last pavilion rental on October 20, 2013.

01-453-003 Wages – Guards	from \$27,500.00 to \$25,000.00
01-453-004 Wages- Locker Room	from \$6,500.00 to \$5,000.00
01-453-089 Pool Recreation Equipment	from \$10,000.00 to Sewer Capacity

01-454-000 Shade Trees & Other Plants

from \$1,000.00 to \$0.00

Ms. Lohrman just received the rates for the health insurance premiums in the mail. She will have a better figure for the budget for the next meeting. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer inquired how the Borough could get the employees to pay a co-pay out of their paychecks for health insurance. Ms. Lohrman responded that all the contracts would have to be opened and re-negotiated. With the change in health insurance for the non-uniformed employees, she was paying out more for health care and prescriptions than if she had paid a co-pay to the Borough. The change in coverage had saved the Borough \$28,000.00 this year.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that she had just discovered that Chief Parkansky had purchased and been using a gray Dodge for his position. She wanted to know who approved the color and type of he had purchased. Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Lohrman and Mayor Perruso denied approving the vehicle. Mr. Feinberg stated that Chief Parkansky may not have know that past practice was to have the vehicle make, model and color approved by Council. Previously the new marked cars were used by the Chief first and then past down to the officers. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer also wanted to know who approved the color of the older sedan that had also been painted gray. Ms. Lohrman responded that the Chief had told her that he had money in the budget to get the car painted.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer asked if there was someone else who could open the Community Center as Mr. Williams was not attending Council meetings. Mr. Feinberg responded that if there was no a problem with opening and closing the center, Mr. Williams should be allowed to keep doing it.

With no further business to conduct, Mr. Feinberg adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Transcribed from a tape.

Karen A. Lohrman
Borough Secretary