

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 26, 2015

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

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg	James McGowan
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer	Winnie Howey
Matthew Larimer	Pamela Taylor
Russell Lipari	Louis Starniri

ABSENT:

David Jones

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Fire Chief Michael Collins, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Foreman of Public Works Eric Flowers.

Fire Department

Chief Collins opened the meeting with his budget figures and asked Council if there were any questions.

The following budget line items were adjusted:

01413-086	State Fire Comm Grant	from \$ 7,200.00	to	\$ 13,406.00
01392-093	Grant Proceeds	from \$ 7,200.00	to	\$ 13,406.00

These are grant line items. They will result in a wash. With this grant 1,200 feet of supply hose will be replaced and a forcible entry simulator will be purchased.

01413-050	Hose & Couplings	from \$ 3,500.00	to	\$ 1,000.00
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These will be purchased under a grant.

Mr. Lipari asked Chief Collins what items are in line item General Expense. Mr. Collins had a list of the miscellaneous items that are covered under General Expense. These are expenses that cannot have their own line items.

Chief Collins added that with the hiring of a new full time fire fighter, overtime hours should be lessened.

Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked about the bids for the new fire truck which will replace the Borough's 27 year old pumper truck. Chief Collins explained that Toyne's bid was lower. Campbell's bid was \$7,500.00 more but comes with incentives that Toyne doesn't. If the Borough agrees to pay up front, the Campbell truck will actually be \$530.00 cheaper when the incentives are accounted for. Both trucks have Spartan chassis and are from Co-Stars vendors.

Motion by Mr. Feinberg to cash in a Certificate of Deposit to prepay for the new fire truck from Campbell Supply. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council unanimously agreed.

01414-084	Vehicles	from \$469,407.00	to	\$ 00.00
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Public Works

Mr. Drake spoke about his budget for the Public Works Department. His budget (01430-086) requests \$322,000.00 for two new large dump trucks. Currently the department is operating with two very old trucks in very bad shape. They are 1984 and 1985 models. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer asked why it is necessary to have new trucks. Mr. Drake said they are needed for plowing. Ms. Lilly-Kemmerer stated that the department has always gotten the job done with what they have. Mr. Lipari commented that these are 30 year old rotting trucks that should be replaced so the department can move into modern times. Mr. Larimer added that with the department being understaffed for three years, the money saved in payroll and benefits should help to replace equipment. Mr. Drake said he could lease the trucks for six to seven years for around \$60,000.00 per year. He will look more closely at the numbers and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Drake also pointed out \$400,000.00 (01438-007) in his budget to pave roads. Liquid fuels funds are being used for other allowable expenses and no money is left at the end of the year to pave roads. North 16th, North 17th and one particular block of Lehigh Street are in dire need of repaving. No decision was made on this line item before the end of the meeting. Mr. Drake will be at the next meeting to finish reviewing his budget.

Police Chief Parkansky and Code Officer Paul Corriere will be present at the next Budget Meeting to present their budgets.

The next Budget Meeting will be held prior to the next Council Meeting on November 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER