

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 24, 2016

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. Council President Tony Verenna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Tony Verenna	Daniel Schaffer
Louis Starniri	Russell Lipari
Leonard Feinberg	James McGowan
Scott Palinkas	

ABSENT:

David Jones	Pamela Taylor
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Also present was: Gregory Drake – Director of Public Works

Mr. Verenna began the meeting to open discussions on the first draft of the 2017 Budget.

Mr. Drake explained to Council that he would like to have a 4 year contract covering 2017 through 2020, with an option to retire on October 25, 2020.

He requested to be treated as the Public Works contract specifies for the following items: Holidays, Overtime, Injury & Illness, Call in Pay and Shoe Allowance. Council agreed.

Mr. Drake asked for yearly raises of 5%. Council agreed to 4% per year.

Mr. Drake requested vacation of 7 weeks per year which would be two more weeks per year, explained as 6 weeks for 30 years and 7 weeks for 40 years. Council agreed to 6 weeks for 2017 and 2018 and 7 weeks for 2019 and 2020.

He requested a yearly clothing allowance of \$400. Council agreed to \$350 per year as in the Public Works contract.

Mr. Drake requested an annual longevity payment of \$2,000. Council agreed.

Mr. Drake asked for a sick time buyback at retirement of 1 for 3 days. Council agreed.

Mr. Drake requested to be able to be included in the same medical plan that the Police Officers have. Ms. Garcia will look into this request to see if the Borough can change Mr. Drake's plan and what the cost would be.

The next Budget Meeting will be held prior to the next Council Meeting on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER