

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
October 23, 2017

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	Pamela Taylor

ABSENT:

David Jones

Also present were: Joseph Sipel – Fire Chief, Steven Parkansky – Police Chief and Christian Meehan – Police Sergeant.

Chief Sipel was asked to explain the difference in two line items from 2017 to 2018. 01-413-002 (Wages of Captain and Lt.) and 01-413-003 (Wages of Firefighters). Chief Sipel explained that the total of the two line items have increased by raise amounts only. The numbers are different by line items due to a reclassification of job titles. Mr. Lipari asked if new trucks would be needed in the next 5 years. Chief Sipel said no, but soon after.

Chief Parkansky explained the following line items:

01-410-011 Crossing Guard Uniforms & Accessories – There are new guards and equipment needing to be replaced.

01-410-012 Uniform Allowance – This is a contractual amount.

01-410-018 Computer Service and Supplies – Increase is due to a change in providers. The current provider is not meeting expectations with the Police Department's unique situations/interfaces.

01-410-007 Overtime – Chief Parkansky explained that the budget overage in OT was due to hiring issues leaving an open full time officer slot. There was also an officer out for an extended period of time after surgery.

Ms. Garcia explained questions on Code line items:

01-416-020 General Expense – The increase is due to expense of hang tags for code activity.

01-416-027 Tools – This increase is to purchase a tablet for the code officer to use while out on the road.

01-416-085 Vehicle Repairs – In 2017 no money was budgeted for repairs to the Code vehicle. This vehicle is very old and in bad shape. Ms. Garcia advised Council that they will need to budget more money for repairs or find another vehicle for code use.

Mr. Lipari recommended taking \$5,000 from line item 01-453-087 Pool Equipment and giving \$2,500 each to line items 01-450-091 Contribution to Joint Recreation Program and 01-440-090 Contribution to Library.

Ms. Taylor advised Council that line item 01-454-000 Shade Trees and Other Plants could be reduced from \$16,000 to \$12,000.

The next Budget Meeting will be held prior to the next Council Meeting on November 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

JILL A. GARCIA
BOROUGH MANAGER