

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
November 19, 2025

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 John Burke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Susan Allen	John Burke	Jeffrey Bracken	Russell Lipari
Shaun Gable	Charles Wacik	Grace Hurd	Michael Figueroa
Kimberlee Muzac			

ABSENT:

NONE

Also present were Jill Garcia – Borough Manager, Christian Meehan- Police Chief, Eric Flowers – Public Works Supervisor and Joseph Sipel – Fire Chief

Mr. Garcia opened discussions on the 2026 Budget. She advised Council that the current budget estimate results in a \$417,000 deficit.

Mr. Bracken proposed borrowing \$427,000 from the \$1,100,000 CD to eliminate the current deficit and setting aside an additional \$10,000 to hire a consultant to evaluate the existing TIF and assess the feasibility of establishing an IDA/RDA in Wilson Borough. He also recommended beginning the process of increasing the EIT tax rate from 0.5% to 0.625% in 2027, and to 0.725% in 2028 and adding a Commuter tax. Mr. Bracken believes these adjustments will help address future budget deficits and strengthen the Borough's long-term financial stability.

Ms. Garcia reviewed the new fee schedule to be advertised with Ms. Jones. The following will be added and updated:

- SALDO application \$150
- Side/Walk Curb application \$100
- Permit cancellation fee \$50
- Zoning appeal \$1500
- Planning Commission \$150
- Certificate of non-conformity \$75
- Zoning permit \$150
- Zoning Occupancy Permit \$100
- Mechanical Devices tax \$75/per unit and \$300 non-reporting/under-reporting fee
- Remove Non-Profit fees from Pavilions, Community Center, Parks and Band Shell
- Community Center Fee \$425
- Non- resident rates as follows:
  - Large Pavilion \$250
  - Small Pavilion \$200
  - Park \$200
  - Band Shell \$250

A motion to approve the new fee schedule made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Allen, Ms. Hurd, Mr. Lipari, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. No vote cast by Ms. Gable. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Lipari to hire a third-party, unbiased consultant to research the TIF and evaluate the feasibility of pursuing an IDA/RDA. Second by Mr. Bracken. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Allen, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Wacik. No votes cast by Mr. Hurd and Ms. Muzac. Motion passed with a 7-2 vote.

A motion to transfer \$427,000 from the CD Fund to the General Fund and to increase real estate taxes by 1 mill made by Ms. Gable. Second by Ms. Allen. A roll call vote followed. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Allen, Ms. Hurd, Ms. Muzac and Mr. Wacik. No votes cast by Mr. Bracken and Mr. Lipari. Motion passed with a 7-2 vote.

A motion to advertise the proposed budget made by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Wacik. Yes votes cast by Mr. Burke, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gable, Ms. Allen, Ms. Hurd, Ms. Muzac, Mr. Lipari and Mr. Wacik. No votes cast by Mr. Bracken. Motion passed with an 8-1 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wacik made a Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Second by Mr. Bracken and Council concurred.

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STEPHANIE N. JONES  
BOROUGH CLERK/TREASURER