

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**OCTOBER 28, 2015
APPROVED**

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Springettsbury Township located at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Mark Swomley, Chairman
George Dvoryak
Bill Schenck

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Landis (due to illness)
Kathleen Phan

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Kristen Denne, Township Manager
Barbara Lindeman, Finance Director
Dan Stump, Police Chief
Lt. Todd King, Police Department
Lt. Bean, Police Department
Jean Abrecht, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley called the Budget Work Session to order. The purpose of this Budget Work Session was to discuss the Police Department Budget for 2016.

Pistols

STUMP Chief Dan Stump opened the discussion with a statement about the Generation 4 Glock weapons, which had not jammed in any of the department qualifications and training. Chief recommended the purchase of Generation 5 Glock pistols at \$5,900 after trade. In addition, he would like to purchase 40 new holsters with triple retention at a cost of \$3,805.

Overtime

Chief Stump provided the board with a report on the 2015 Overtime. Statistics in his report showed: Reimbursable hours of 704.25 at a cost of \$41,124.56; Assigned Coverage hours of 1373.03 at a cost of \$43,660.41; Court Related hours 459.83 at a cost of \$25,453.32 for a total of 2,537.11 hours at a cost of \$110,238.29. Chief Stump introduced his goal of moving to 12-hour shifts and itemized the plan that would provide better coverage. In addition, the change will

reduce overtime, especially during court time. He identified personnel changes and specifics to the board.

Cost of Canine Program

Chief Stump provided a list of canine costs including the food budget, the vet, lease, training, insurance at a cost of approximately \$8,500. At the time of retirement of the current canine, a new canine will cost approximately \$10,000 including new training. He planned to include all the canine costs together in one heading for the 2017 budget.

Budgetary Items

Following the introductory discussion, the board addressed the following issues in specificity:

- Admin Salary which included any changes made in 2015 for the officers. Contractual officers, such as the School Resource Officer/Crossing Guard remain under their contract.
- Hiring Process – Aggressively pursuing excellent, quality candidates; providing incentives; working in collaboration with other area police departments. Overall strategy to improve service throughout the township with team players.
- Materials and Supplies – Ammunition – purchase a full year in advance needed for year 2017 with a 12 to 14 month period for delivery.
- Equipment – Replace speed control devices, flares and lasers. Investigate use of VASCAR and pursue legislation in Pennsylvania; use of ENRADD and ESP. Consider use of LIDAR.
- Uniforms – Maintenance, cleaning, leathers, belts, shoes.
- Minor Equipment – Federal 1033 Program – Cost of \$500/year provides a warehouse full of equipment and needed goods.
- Gas Masks – Update three or four a year; OSHA expiration.
- Briefing Tools – Home Depot for \$500 total.
- Desktop Computers – Old computers to be addressed.
- AED's – Add six more at a cost of \$2,200; Add to all cars (16) in fleet at a cost of \$13,260.
- Repairs and Maintenance – No change from last year.
- Animal Control – Under service contracts.
- Computers/Radios – County to provide new radios to coincide with new system.
- Car Cameras – Under service contracts; software 5-year protection.

- Training and Professional Development – Webinars provided; Chief Stump is heading a cooperative 3-day training event through the Department of Justice Assistance, “Officer Valor Training” covering civil rights, officer safety, etc. He is including law enforcement in central PA from York, Lancaster, Dauphine Counties.
- Capital Equipment – Replacing two vehicles, one unmarked including a Ford Fusion; reduced cost of \$20,421.
- Computer Modems – Replace 3G with 4G software.
- Taser holsters/batteries – Replace with next generation Tasers and holsters.
- Body Cams - WatchGuard includes server memory upgrade, a separate server.

Following the discussion the board made several additional comments.

DVORYAK Mr. Dvoryak complimented Chief Stump and his team with a very well-thought out presentation and looking for ways to implement better efficiencies.

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck agreed and stated that they had earned the right to ask for the best. It is the board’s obligation to provide for that as the Police Department and its personnel are the number one expense of the township. He added he would support the 12-hour shift.

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley had commented to Ms. Denne about providing some of the department heads an opportunity to shine during the Supervisor’s meeting. He wanted to give Chief Stump that opportunity to shine in front of the public with some of the statistics and some of the police department victories.

DENNE Ms. Denne commented that she had thought about a Year in Review. She added that they had been discussing interfacing with the Council of Churches, i.e., becoming Ambassadors with the churches in 2016; specifically in Springettsbury at LCBC.

SCHENCK Mr. Schenck mentioned specific keys in the budget were the presentation on the technology being put into place for the officers on the street, the discussion on body cameras, and the training. He suggested those items would be great ingredients for the newsletter.

DENNE Ms. Denne stated she would like to do a YouTube video and place it on the website with demonstration of equipment, cameras, utilizing demos. Her goal would be to do a podcast once a month and post it on the website.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley opened the floor to public comment.

SWOMLEY Maria Swomley stated it was very impressive.

DENNE Ms. Denne stated that Chief Stump is doing a great job planning to take the police department to the next level in the next five to 10 years.

3. ADJOURNMENT

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowders
Secretary

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