

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2018**

The Special Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 6:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, William B Miller and David J. Batdorf. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James A. Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Business Personnel/Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

2019 BUDGET

General Fund- Police

4820-001 – MMO-Uniformed Pension

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the police pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2019 increased by approximately \$211,000.

4100-242 – PD – Hiring Expenses

Chief Winchester informed the Board that the Civil Service list expires in March 2019. He recommended budgeting \$5,000 for testing to maintain an active list.

4100-241 – PD – Training

Chief Winchester proposed to host supervisory training.

4100-300 – PD – Contracted Services

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that half of this line item is the Township's share of the crossing guard cost.

4100-740 – PD – Purchase Equipment and Supplies

Chief Winchester stated that the Taser purchase would come out of this line item.

4190-520 – Contribution to Animal Rescue League (ARL)

Ms. Johnston explained to the Board that the ARL line item was still a variable. If the fee for service model is chosen, the line item should be set at \$50,500.00. However, if there is a set amount, such as a \$2.50 per capita fee, the Township would pay \$37,855.00 for 2019.

4100-400 – Maintenance and Repair of Office Equipment

This line item would be discontinued and line item 4100-250 would be used.

4100-510 – PD – Computers S/W Licenses and Agreements

Chief Winchester informed the Board that the liaisons had endorsed a multi-year agreement for All Traffic Solutions software. It would be paid out of this line item.

Capital

Chief Winchester proposed the purchase of 2 fleet vehicles for the Capital budget, a Chevy Tahoe and a Ford Explorer, both on state contract. The Tahoe would replace vehicle 31 which is the last fleet Expedition and the Explorer would replace vehicle 16 which is the last remaining fleet Crown Victoria. Vehicle 31 would be repurposed as the Special Crime Scene Response vehicle.

Fire Police

Chief Winchester stated there were no proposed changes for the Fire Police budget.

Fire Fund

Revenue

3620-500 – Fire – Permits

Chief Beane proposed a fireworks permit fee of \$100. He also proposed a safety re-inspection fee of \$175. The Board indicated a willingness to consider a higher fireworks permit fee.

Expenses

4110-141 – Fire – Part Time Wages

Chief Beane discussed the concept of a per diem rate for the Training Officer. The Board elected not to institute a per diem rate for the 2019 budget.

4110-300 – Fire – Contracted Services

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that some office supplies had been expensed out of contracted services and they would be moved to the appropriate line item.

4110-800 – Fire – Current Year Capital Savings Transfer

The Board of Commissioners agreed that up to \$150,000.00 should be transferred into the savings line item for 2018, if revenue and expenses for the fourth quarter continue as projected.

Mr. Miller suggested raising the fire tax a little at a time, in preparation for the fire station. Ms. Johnston recommended that, if the fire tax is increased, more could be transferred into capital savings.

Mrs. Hoover suggested that the Board consider financing equipment for public works and continue to rent a bucket truck periodically. Ms. Johnston stated that a line of credit could be considered. Mrs. O'Leary did not favor this strategy.

Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. O'Leary requested more information on the costs of contractors to fix streetlights.

DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

A) Angelica Interceptor

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that Mr. McNichols had presented a possible strategy to divert flow from the Angelica Interceptor, the sewer main that has experienced several overflows this summer during the heavy rains. The strategy has been presented to the engineer, who has

indicated that the idea has merit. Ms. Johnston noted that, even if only a part of the flow could be diverted, it would result in savings because of the way the quarterly sewer bill for the City of Reading is calculated. The strategy would involve purchasing a parcel of land for a potential pumping station.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO PURCHASE THE LOT KNOWN AS 546 HARDING AVENUE FROM THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$43,000.00, PAID OUT OF THE SEWER FUND.

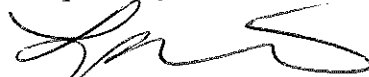
CORRESPONDENCE

A) Meeting advertised in the Reading Eagle on 10/16/18

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Latoya Procopio
Secretary