

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

The budget meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Tony J. Sacco at 6:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward Gottschall, Treasurer Ruth O'Leary, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Also attending were Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Jed Habecker, Fire Chief Scott R. Brady, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, and Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston.

Pledge to the Flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:01 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss a labor matter.

6:30 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed a labor issue.

2015 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the police department budget.

1. Chief Habecker requested capital funds of \$74,000.00 for 2 police cars.
2. Chief Habecker requested to hire 1 officer in anticipation of a retirement. Wages for the overlap period were not included in the draft budget.
3. Chief Habecker stated his draft budget had a 3% wage increase for the police officers. Mrs. O'Leary stated that her calculation was 3.5%.
4. Chief Habecker suggested cutting the GPS units because the mobile computers have GPS units. Mrs. Johnston pointed out that the car GPS units provide a lot of information about the vehicle. Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the GPS units are used by the mechanics on a daily basis for preventative maintenance.
5. Mrs. Carpenter informed the Board that there was a steep increase in the cost of police malpractice insurance.

The Board reviewed the administration budget.

1. Ms. Johnston requested filling the position of Township Secretary, as previously discussed with the Board. She has been retaining the position, along with the position of Manager. However, maintaining both positions adequately was becoming increasingly difficult. A half time assistant was budgeted in 2014, but the position was not filled because it was deemed to be inadequate. The Board agreed to include the Township Secretary in the 2015 budget at a possible salary of \$56,150.
2. Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the full complement of 3 administrative assistants was included in the draft budget.
3. The building inspectors' line items were increased to reflect hiring a second building inspector.
4. The Treasurer's and Deputy's insurance and bonding were budgeted to reflect the 2014 cost.

5. The miscellaneous line item was budgeted to reflect a potential finding by the liquid fuels auditor for approximately \$2,800. The Township is disputing the finding, but a final decision by the Auditor General has not yet been made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:50 p.m. – The Board went into executive session to discuss 2 personnel issues.

9:03 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board discussed 2 personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:04 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/Secretary