

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

The budget meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Tony J. Sacco at 7:04 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. 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.

2015 BUDGET

The Board reviewed budget cuts made by each department in the general fund.

- Administration budget cuts = \$10,000
- Buildings and ground budget cuts = \$52,500
- Highway budget cuts = \$40,750.00
- Police budget cuts = \$3,500
- Recreation budget cuts = \$3,000

The Township Secretary wages and benefits were cut by a quarter because it was unlikely that the position would be filled before April 2015.

With respect to vehicle 61, the Board directed the cost borne by the sewer fund, \$20,000, and the refuse fund, \$10,000, since the general fund has solely supported the present vehicle's purchase and maintenance.

The Board deferred the chlorine tank project for the recreation building, to be considered for the 2016 budget.

The Board deferred a 3 sided shelter for police parking.

Chief Habecker suggested cutting the GPS units. The Board stated the GPS units would be retained. There was a discussion about various other possible budget cuts. Chief Habecker indicated that, despite any cuts, he would just go over budget if he needed something to keep the department running.

The Board discussed which police cars to replace. Mrs. Johnston provided repair histories from the accounting software. Mr. McNichols provided mileages from the GPS units. Mrs. Swan suggested paying for one car out of the equitable sharing fund. The Board concurred with that suggestion and agreed to purchase only one police car in 2015. The Board indicated that the request for a second car would be revisited if more equitable sharing funds are received.

The Board agreed to lease/purchase of a new roller, rather than purchasing it for cash, in order to reduce the 2015 cost and spread the cost out over a portion of the machine's lifespan.

The Board discussed financing of the streetlight project. Mrs. O'Leary stated that the project should move forward because of the long term cost savings.

The Board deferred discussion of the Poplar Neck Bridge project. Mr. Sacco suggested USDA loans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


8:00 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss 2 personnel issues and a labor matter.

8:50 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed 2 personnel issues and a labor issue.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/Secretary