

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2017**

The Special Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 5:30 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Tony J. Sacco was absent. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Fire Chief James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Secretary Latoya Procopio, and Manager Jeanne E. Johnston.

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Attendance: William Miller of 40 Muirfield Drive

No members of the public indicated a desire to speak.

2018 BUDGET

Police

- Chief Winchester informed the Board that the police department will go over the 2017 budget for overtime wages. This was in part due to the delay in hiring new officers. He believed that overtime will decrease as the new officers were regularly assigned.
- Ms. Johnston informed the Board of a new line item for workman's compensation insurance for police clerical.
- The uniform budget had been increased in 2017 for hiring; it was decreased down to \$12,000 in 2018.
- A new line item was created for public relations for an amount of \$3,000.
- Line item 4100-243 was increased to replace 18 ballistic vests for the officers. Chief Winchester was developing a replacement plan since the shelf life for each vest is 5 years.
- The Board determined that CODY products and services would be paid as software.
- Line item 4100-374, vehicle maintenance, was reduced to \$20,000 since the police car fleet was being updated. Two patrol sedans were proposed to be purchased from the equitable sharing fund.
- Line item 4100-500 had been updated for four of the six computers to be purchased. Mrs. Hoover requested that all six computers be bought at one time to obtain a better price. Mrs. O'Leary suggested to reduce the line item for 2018 and to buy all 6 computers in 2017, since the funding was currently available.
- Line item 4150-374 was increased for additional striping for the fire police vehicle.
- Chief Winchester proposed to the Board to install two cubicles, one for the Systems Analyst and one for an Administrative Assistant. The amount had been budgeted under buildings and grounds.

Refuse

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the current refuse fee was insufficient to provide enough revenue in 2018; a rate increase was necessary. She recommended an increase of

\$12/household/year. Mrs. Swan proposed an increase of \$15/household/year and the Board concurred with this proposal. The 2018 rates would become \$160.00 for one adult household and \$180.00 for a household with two or more adults. Ms. Johnston noted that, even with the increase, Cumru Township's refuse rate was one of the lowest in the area. Bids would be solicited in 2018 for the 2019-2021 contract.

Recreation

Ms. Johnston recommended to continue the 5-year plan for escrowing funds for a replacement play structure. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

Public Works

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO SEND CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT TO THE TWO TOP CANDIDATES FOR DRIVER/CLASS 2 POSITIONS, SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICALS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Meeting advertised in the Reading Eagle on 9/27/2017.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

7:12 p.m. – the Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss one labor contract issue and two pending litigation issues.

8:09 p.m. – the Board of Commissioners reconvened the meeting and informed the public that they discussed one contract issue and two pending litigation issues.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary