

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of March 19, 2012

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Commissioners Present

William Spingler, President

Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President

Donald Curley

Kevin G. Higgins

John Fisher

James C. Higgins

Absent: John C. Nagle

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Osborne, Treasurer, William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works, Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development, Alison Rudolf, Interim Human Resource Manager, Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to Township Manager, Sergeant George Smith, Sergeant Andrew Block and Paul Bazik, Public Works.*

President Spingler called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Department Presentations

Mr. Zienkowski started the meeting by introducing each department and that they will outline their services and staffing.

Tammy Cohen, Director Recreation and Community Programming Department presented for her department. The Recreation and Community Programming Department at this time is not requesting any staffing increase for 2013.

Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development presented for his department. If projections continue at current pace, additional in-house staffing/assistance will be needed in the Community Development Department.

William White, Director of Finance presented for his department. Adequate staffing provided the Assistant Finance Director position is filled and the necessary resources for ACT 511 allocated properly.

Superintendent of Police, William Colarulo presented for the Police Department. He started his presentation by pointing out that currently in the audience there are 30 of his 38 Officers here to show how important this is to all of them. The Radnor Township Police Department is respectfully requesting 45 total officers which 40 officers have been budgeted in 2012.

Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works presented for his department. At this time the Public Works and Engineering Department are not requesting any staffing increase for 2013.

Mr. Zienkowski thanked the Commissioners for allowing the departments to present their presentations.

Board of Commissioners Comment and Discussion

Commissioner Spingler inquired that at what number is the Police Department staffing? Mr. Zienkowski responded that we are currently at 38 and have two positions budgeted for 2012.

Commissioner Schaefer inquired that the two Police positions that we are currently budgeted for would they go to the Traffic Unit or Patrol? Mr. Zienkowski responded that he and the Superintendent discussed adding more into the Traffic Safety Unit, if we had enforcement with traffic signal violations on Lancaster Avenue, we would see a significant revenue increase. Commissioner Curley would need to see more research on that subject matter.

Commissioner Spingler inquired how we would handle if we lost an officer to attrition. Mr. Zienkowski responded that the Township will inquire with the Civil Service Commission to begin testing and our hope would be that we would begin the process in the Fall. There is a list of candidates ready to be hired.

Commissioner Schaefer inquired about lower priority 911 calls being responded to. Sergeant Smith responded calls such as nursing homes, barking dogs, etc.

Commissioner J. Higgins inquired about the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. Sergeant Smith explained the program.

Commissioner Fisher commented that the Commissioners have been having special meetings and one of the struggles that the Commissioners are having is liabilities of pensions. He is in complete support of adding Police but he is asking that everyone to please be patient and work with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Curley asked Mr. Zienkowski, would it be wise to form a group that would be in direct contact with Harrisburg. Mr. Zienkowski replied that yes we can have our local representatives meet with the Commissioners. The Township will coordinate to have them attend one of the Commissioners Meetings.

Commissioner Schaefer inquired about the Economic Development Officer position. Mr. Zienkowski replied that we have budgeted for that position to be hired in July and it will report directly to the Manager. The position would be for business retention and business attraction.

Commissioner J. Higgins inquired about the sponsorships in Recreation. He also inquired about how Community Development polices building permits. Are we tracking the new businesses that move into the Township? Kevin Kochanski responded that neighbors will call in or inspectors' driving around is the way we police building permits.

Commissioner Fisher thanked staff for all the presentations.

Commissioner Spingler wanted to thank staff again and the Police Officers that attended.

Public Comment

Mike Simmons, RATE President commented about the pension, staffing levels and that Public Works contributes to their pension and healthcare costs. Bill White wanted to clarify that the non-union employees also contribute to pension and healthcare.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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