

JANUARY 23, 2008
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268
SPECIAL MEETING

President Craig Newcomer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Councilmen – Craig Newcomer, C. Harold Mumma, Ronald Martin, Charles McCammon, Benjamin Greenawalt and Jason Stains

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Borough Manager Lloyd Hamberger
Police Chief Ray Shultz
Fire Chief Dave Martin
Deputy Fire Chiefs Jody Sanders and Trayer Stoops

It was noted that the meeting was scheduled to discuss the Student Resource Officer with representatives of the School District, to discuss the Quincy fire agreement with the Quincy Township Supervisors, and also any other business which may come before Council or the Board of Supervisors.

STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER: Marilyn Smith, School Board member, was present with members of the District's staff. She discussed the proposal and noted she presented the Council members with a revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Mr. Hamberger noted he has forwarded the original draft to the Borough Solicitor, and she recommended several modifications. First, the agreement should include the Borough and the Police Department as parties; and also, it should be noted that the Borough as well as the Police Department will not be required to provide funds for the program in Section 5. Mr. Hamberger noted these changes have been made and are in the new MOA.

Mayor Starliper noted he is not opposed to the SRO, however he noted that an additional police officer will be hired to fill this position or replace one of the current officers that is appointed to the position. He is concerned that when the program ends we may have to lay off an officer – but the decision is up to Council.

Mr. Newcomer polled Council on their opinions. Mr. Martin expressed his support, however he was dismayed that we need police officers present in the schools. Mr. Mumma, Mr. Greenawalt and Mr. Stains also expressed their support as long as no Borough funds were needed. Mr. McCammon indicated he felt the School should handle the problem themselves without Borough involvement. Mr. Stains noted he too is dismayed over the need for police in the schools, however he understands the climate of today's youth and the need for the School Resource Officer.

After additional discussion, Mr. Martin motioned to authorize approval of the grant documents and the Memorandum of Agreement, and to authorize the appropriate Borough personnel to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Greenawalt seconded and the motion passed 5-1 with Mr. McCammon voting nay. Mr. Newcomer expressed his thanks for the efforts of the District's personnel involved to make this position possible. Mrs. Smith expressed her appreciation for the Borough's cooperation and noted the Presidents of Council and the School Board should develop a working relationship for future projects.

QUINCY TOWNSHIP FIRE CONTRACT: Present were Township Supervisors Kerry Bumbaugh, Wilbur Sanders and Robert Gunder. Mr. Bumbaugh noted this represents the entire Board of Supervisors and that this meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act. A discussion arose regarding the history of the deliberations between the Borough and the Township regarding the Quincy Township Fire Agreement and the current status thereof. The Supervisors propose to continue the contract by paying the Borough \$12,500 for 2008 and reducing the payments 1/3 for each of the next two years. The Borough has countered with an offer to provide fire services for 2008 for \$13,900, and negotiate a long-term contract during the upcoming months. The two sides then discussed the various methodologies used to arrive at these figures. Mr. Bumbaugh asked for a "feel" for what the Borough's negotiation position would be. Council indicated there was little movement to lower the current price, however Mr. Newcomer noted that is what negotiations are all about – give and take. There was concern among Council members that they may be seen as underwriting Quincy's fire service with Borough tax funds. The Supervisors expressed concern that their 1.5 tax millage all goes for fire service.

Mr. Ben Newcomer, a Borough resident, expressed his unease with the Borough lowering the proposed fee. He did not want his tax funds underwriting Quincy's fire service.

Fire Chief Dave Martin urged the two sides to find a way to settle the issue.

Councilman Martin noted he was unwilling to take less money to serve the Township, and the sentiment was noted by other Council members.

After additional discussion on the proposed scope of any negotiations and the ability of the various fire services to provide coverage to Quincy, Mr. Martin proposed a compromise for 2008 and to negotiate for a long-term agreement. Mr. Martin motioned to accept \$13,000 total cost to extend the fire service agreement with Quincy Township for 2008. Harold Mumma seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Bob Gunder motioned for the Board of Supervisors to approve the fire service agreement at \$13,000 for 2008. Mr. Sanders seconded and the motion passed the Board of Supervisors unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF VACANCY: Mayor Starliper discussed the vacancy that will be created by the retirement of Police Chief Shultz. The Chief's last day will be early May and the

Borough should proceed with the task of filling the vacancy. The Mayor suggested proceeding with an internal posting, and an interview board comprised of three (3) Chiefs of Police followed by interviews by Borough Council and the Mayor. There was some discussion of the necessary of the board comprised of three (3) Police Chiefs.

Borough Manager Hamberger explained the selection of a Chief ultimately lies with Borough Council, no matter how the initial selection process is done. Council selects an individual and refers the candidate to the Civil Service Board who conducts a “non-competitive” examination. If the candidate is judged to be qualified, the Civil Service Board certifies the individual to be appointed, and Council appoints the individual.

Harold Mumma motioned to post the position of Police Chief internally, with an application deadline of February 15th. Mr. Stains seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Council took no action on the interview board.

PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE: The Borough Manager presented a copy of the ordinance revising the membership of the Planning Commission. Mr. Martin moved to advertise the ordinance. Mr. McCammon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS APPROVED: Mr. Martin motioned to approve payment of Bill Nos. 45645 to 45755. Mr. McCammon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL MATTERS: Mr. Mumma noted that Gary Smith and Sam Wagaman have passed their Water Plant Operator’s examination. As certified operators, he motioned to promote the two to Level 10A. Mr. McCammon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd R. Hamberger, II
Borough Secretary/Manager