

The October 2, 2019 meeting of the Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors was held at the municipal building and called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Tim Hansen.

Tim Hansen, Larry Sterner, Matt Bollinger, Adam Smith and Norma Markle were present.

Others present Dan Schmidt, Travis Laughman, Tim Damon, Tobin Zech, Ken Schollenbergger, Jesse Main, Darius Whitcreu, Brandy Goodling, Holly Rowland, Dennis Ballas, Deb Pfeifer, Skyler Sterner, Paul King, Terry Ross, Chris Groft, Martha Good, Jack Greene, Phil Smith, Joe Becker, Bill Shoemaker, Ted Legore, Michael Zinn, Geoff Foisie, Mark Bentzel, David Lash, Matt Muir, Rod Shearer, Ed Strausbaugh, Bill Kaiser, Willa Lefever, Bill Gromen, Jamie Stalcup, Amy Taylor, Sandi & Bob Stine, Scott Rabenstine, Tim Crimmins, Doug Brodhecker and Jen Lecrone.

Minutes of the August Special meeting and September's meetings were approved as distributed.

Scott Rabenstine read the September Fire Report. They responded to 9 calls for the month. The Fire Department will have an Open House on October 12th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Truck-or-Treat will be held at the Fire Department on Sunday October 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. A donation of \$500.00 will be made to the department to go towards the Truck-or-Treat.

Jamie Stalcup reviewed the August police report. The department responded to 56 calls within the Township.

Norma Markle read the Planning Commission Report.

Norma Markle read the Zoning Officers Report. There was \$814.00 revenue for the month.

Adam Smith reviewed the Engineers Report. Gitts Run Road will be closed for bridge construction starting October 4, 2019. Providence Community Church has provided all necessary paper work and the plan can be signed and permit issued. A traffic study will be done concerning a turn lane on Route 116 W at Smith Station Road. The ACT 537 Plan should be concluded by the end of the year and turned over to DEP.

Matt Bollinger stated that he did some building clean up and painting at the Water Co. building.

Larry Sterner stated that the snow equipment is ready to go.

A Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday October 30, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

An Ordinance establishing the distribution of public water and rules and regulations was presented to the Board to review and possible adoption at the November meeting.

Norma Markle read the Treasurers Report.

GENERAL FUND	-	Beginning Balance	347,879.61
		Revenue	51,892.21
		Expenditures	78,077.42
		Ending Balance	321,694.40

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STATE FUND - Savings 151,886.56

Tim Hansen made a motion to pay the bills Larry Sterner seconded and Matt Bollinger concurred.

Dan Schmidt stated that his water pressure has increased and thanked who ever was responsible. Matt was not sure what would have caused that.

Tim Hansen stated that since North Codorus will be pulling out of the South Western Regional Police department it may not be affordable for Heidelberg Township to remain with the department. Northern Regional and York Area Regional have presented the Township with proposals to contract services. Tim stated that a 20 minute presentation will be made by Northern Regional and also 20 minutes for York Area Regional. The meeting will then be opened up to receive comments from Heidelberg Township residents only. The meeting will then adjourn and as a courtesy to all attendees a discussion forum to speak with the police representatives and the Board of Supervisors will be held.

NORTHERN YORK COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYCRPD)

Mark Bentzel, Chief of Police introduced himself along with David Lash, Deputy Chief of Police from NYCRPD. Chief Bentzel stated that NYCRPD is the oldest Regional Police department in PA. They currently serve Dover, Manchester, Paradise, Conewago, Franklin and Jackson Townships and also Dover and North York Boroughs. A map was presented to show most of their coverage area and proposed additional areas. They currently have 2 Service Resource Officers serving the Spring Grove School District. Chief Bentzel stated that he will be retiring December 31, 2019 and Deputy Chief Lash will be taking over the operation of the department January 1, 2020. Deputy Chief Lash stated they currently have 58 officers. NYCRPD proposes the Township 90 hrs. per week, which equals 9 units, unit cost is \$43,766.33 or \$393,896.97 per year or \$84.17 per hour. This would consist of 24 hour a day coverage, including incidents, preventative patrol, traffic enforcement, investigations, administration, records keeping, payroll and overtime for court-related appearances and unplanned emergencies. For Heidelberg to receive a voting seat on the NYCRPD would cost \$12,214.26.

Other points discussed;

- Would be willing to purchase police equipment currently owned by SWRPD, excluding the building and the cost would offset the one-time cost of a seat on the NYCPC Commission as a full voting member.
- NYCRPD only had an average 1.65% increase in the budget the past 3 years.
- 6 positions would open and the SWRP are welcome to apply for the jobs.
- An officer would be in the zone at all times.
- Average response time is 5 minutes 45 seconds.
- Very community oriented, assist at events.
- Time is logged every 15 minutes. Daily activity logs are posted on line.
- The officers work 12 hour shifts.
- Pension Plan is 75% - 76% funded.

YORK AREA REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (YARPD)

Timothy Damon, Chief of Police introduced himself from YARPD. The department currently has 43 officers. They currently service 2 Townships and 3 Boroughs. YARPD proposes the Township 80 hrs. per week, which equals 8 PPU, 4,160 hours annually at the cost of \$371,804.00 per year of \$89.38/hour. They currently have 43 officers and would need to hire 6 new officers for fulfill their obligation to the Township and would be take the officers from SWRP.

Other points discussed;

- Operate very similar to SWRP
- Very community oriented, care about the people they serve
- Reached out to Officer in Charge Stalcup and asked what they could do for them.
- Would have familiar faces that already know the residents of the Township.
- Officers would keep their pay scale if hired.
- Pension is 90% funded

Matt Bollinger stated that tonight is to collect information only and still supports SWRP.

The floor was opened to the residents of Heidelberg Township to voice their opinion and questions.

Ted Legore asked what would happen with the current police building. He was told it could be sold or put up for auction. The building is jointly owned by North Codorus, Heidelberg, Manheim Townships and Spring Grove Borough.

Mark Bentzel stated that the officers would start at or near what they are making now.

Geoff Foisie stated he is new to the township and asked about the number of calls and response would differ from now.

Brandy Goodling asked about the percentage of female officers, NYCRPD 2, YARP – 5, SWRP – 2

Paul King asked about the existing officers and was told they would need to apply before they could be hired. School Resource Officers (SRO) are paid by the school districts.

Scott Rabenstine, Fire Chief, asked Chief Bentzel why they pursued covering the SWRP region. He was told he was asked by North Codorus to give a quote. They currently cover Jackson Township and they could easily provide services to SWRP. Scott likes the coverage as the Fire Chief that is provided by SWRP and feel they have a very good working relationship.

Matt Muir from Manheim Township stated he feels it would be about a 25 minute drive for YARP to arrive in the area and feels that could put residents in danger. It was stated that other departments back-up departments all the time.

Phil Smith stated that NYCRPD is not an accredited department and feels that YARP would be a much better fit for the Township.

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Chris Groft stated that he feels that the department that can respond the fastest and most reasonable rates should be considered. Feels good about seeing the same officers. Both Chiefs stated that they would rotate the officers to learn the area and the people.

Dan Schmidt asked the Chief's how long it would take to be up and running if chosen. They both stated as fast as they need to be.

Bill Gromen asked if a decision would be made tonight and he was told it would not, and the Board is looking for input from the residents.

Doug Brodhecker asked Chief Damon what other associations they interact with and he was told Y/C QRT, DUI check points, Forensic Team, Missing children task force, Y/C Sheriff's Department. NYCRPD stated they do these items inhouse and also deal with the drug task force and the FBI when need be. Neither department has a canine unit.

Paul King asked about NYCRPD and going with North Codorus. He was told that N/C has already hired NYCRPD.

Ted Legore asked about overlapping coverage. He was told that there would work 12 hour shifts and someone on duty at all times.

Sandi Stine asked if the current officers would have any say in the matter and she was told that Heidelberg Township supports SWRP and would love to keep them. Sandi stated that she feels the Board will make an educated decision.

Travis Laughman thanked Jamie for doing a good job. He stated that Jacobus Borough and York Township do not border the Township and is concerned about response time for YARP. Stated that school resource officers being in the Spring Grove School District now and with Jackson Township borders us NYCRPD would make the most since.

Bob Stine stated he didn't know what was going on and saw all the cars and stopped in. Matt explained that N/C gave their notice to leave the department and if they leave it wouldn't be economical for the other 3 members to stay. He stated there is a lot of political unrest and a decision needs to be made by the end of the year. Both NYCRPD and YARP have come forward to offer their services.

Geoff Foisie asked if the Board was looking into any other options.

Mark Bentzel stated that they service Franklintown Borough and they do not abut to any other area they serve and it is not a problem.

Doug Brodhecker asked about the prices and number of hours.

Matt stated that the MMO – Pension is built into the budget for NYCRPD, no separate bill.

Brandy Goodling stated that when Jackson Township went to NYCRPD that 2 of the 9 officers applied and did not stay for more then 2 years. YARP hired officers from other departments and 3 of them are still employed.

Sandi Stine asked how long of a contract would have to be made. It would depend on if you choice to be a member or contract services.

Phil Smith stated that the PA State Police would be an option and feels they would do their best.

Dennis Ballis asked when this would take place, he was told by the end of the year. Things will need to move quickly for this to happen in this time frame.

Officer in Charge, Jamie Stalcup stated that he desires to put the people of the Township first and foremost. He stated he has been in contact with Chief Damon of YARP and he feels they embrace the values of SWRP and would be a great fit into the community. He has witnessed Chief Damon building a relationship, respect and trust of SWRP department and has offered to hire as many officers from SWRP as possible. Therefore Jamie puts his trust and support with YARP.

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GENERAL FUND - REVENUE - OCTOBER 2, 2019

Sherry Thompson	Misc.	3
GHI Engineers & Surveyors	Septic Permits	2,369.25
Tax Claim Bureau	Deliquent Taxes	445.19
Tom Reilly	Vehicle Fines	296.08
Tom Reilly	Crimnal Fines	30.63
Clerk of Courts	Crimnal Fines	241.63
York Adams Tax Bureau	Earned Income Tax ('19)	17,047.49
York Adams Tax Bureau	Earned Income Tax (Prior)	1,648.91
Cash	Tag \$	358
Recorder of Deeds	Transfer Tax	7,291.20
Comm. Of PA	Fire Relief \$	19,404.33
Zoning Officer	3 - Building Permits	819.00
Sherry Thompson	Real Estate Tax ('19)	1,936.50
	TOTAL	\$51,892.21

GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES - OCTOBER 2, 2019

G. Steven McKonly, PC	Aug. Legal Services	2,482.50	25636
Two Tim's Lawn Care	Jacobs Mill	1,650.00	25637
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Norma Markle	Wages	1,131.80	25639
Asso. Products Services	Park	265.68	25640
IRS - US Treasury	Tax Deposit	2,120.97	Ach Debit
Capital Blue Cross	Insurance	8,341.02	Ach Debit
Discover Business Card	Supplies	53.72	Ach Debit
Met-Ed	Park	125.63	Ach Debit
Met-Ed	Street Lights	545.48	Ach Debit
Met-Ed	Building	116.20	Ach Debit
Two Tim's Lawn Care	Menges Mills	300.00	25641
Norma Markle	Wages	1,121.45	25642
Yohe Paving Inc.	Locust Road	4,650.00	25643
York Janitorial Supplies	Cleaning supplies	259.34	25644
OMY	Drug Test	50.00	25645
D. E. Gemmill	Line Painting	5,553.53	25646
Finch Services, Inc.	Filters	8.34	25647
H & H Truck Services	3 - Truck Inspections	4,075.33	25648
York Materials Group	Millings - Locust Road	10,960.38	25649
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C. S. Davidson, Inc.	Engineering Services	1,089.12	25651
G. Steven McKonly, PC	Sept. Legal Services	3,511.00	25652
GHI Eng & Surveyors	Septic Permits	2,400.25	25653
Paul Hilbert	Gas & Mowing Cemetery	57.00	25654
Sherry Thompson	Tax Reimb & Supplies	134.85	25655
Phyllis Hilbert	Wages	1,271.05	25656
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Paul Hilbert	Wages	1,062.28	25657
T. Samuel Myers	Wages & Mowing Hill	537.97	25658
Larry Sterner	Wages & Supervisors Pay	514.69	25659
Matt Bollinger	Water Company	405.82	25660
Colby Snyder	Water Co & Mileage	226.57	25661
Adams Elec. Coop., Inc.	Street Lights	147.50	Ach Debit
Aero Energy	Fire Co.	54.86	Ach Debit
AT&T	Cell Phones	208.77	Ach Debit
Comcast	TV, Internet, Phones	273.56	Ach Debit
Met-Ed	Street Lights	545.48	Ach Debit
Vulcan Materials Group	Road Work	2,020.95	Ach Debit
Porters Comm. Fire Co.	Fire Relief \$	19,404.33	25662
	TOTAL	\$78,077.42	

STATE FUND - EXPENDITURES - OCTOBER 2, 2019

Russel Standard Corp.	Road Oil - Locust Rd	10,429.44	114
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Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Norma Markle, Sec.