

A Special Meeting was held November 12, 2002 at the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing Spring Grove Borough joining the Southwestern Regional Police Department. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Harry Rodgers.

Harry Rodgers, Paul Hilbert, Larry Sterner, Steve McKonly and Norma Markle were present.

Others present were Tanya Crawford, Dave O'Brein, Greg Bean, Todd Zeigler and numerous others who did not sign in.

Chief Bean reviewed the proposed budget with Spring Grove included. Would have to hire an additional officer. They would still be working 11 1/2 hour shifts. No major equipment would need to be purchased if Spring Grove joined except the uniforms for the officer hired. North Codorus, Heidelberg & Manheim Townships would save money if Spring Grove was permitted to join. Jackson Township will be covered by Northern Regional Police.

#### COMMENTS:

Larry Sterner - Concerned with 2 officers at one place at one time. Chief Bean

said he encourages the officers to meet.

Dave O'Brein - Is in favor of small growth and would like to see Spring Grove

join. They will be paying for their services, it will not be free.

Steve McKonly - This is a political decision and up to the Supervisors.

Norma Markle - Feels that there is too much time spent in Spring Grove now,

feels that the Department would be seen more throughout Heidelberg Township. Feels this would be taking away from the little service we are receiving now and still paying for 24 hour coverage.

Paul Hilbert - Spring Grove was offered to join when department was started.

The Articles-of-Agreement would be amended to include Spring Grove Borough. Spring Grove would have the Mayor and 1 citizen to represent them on the SWRPD Board and would have a voting factor.

Harry Rodgers feels this would be a win-win situation for all. Spring

Grove would have a member on the Board and would save the other townships money.

Paul Hilbert questioned the vote taken by the Heidelberg Township Supervisors on September 4, 2002 meeting not to take Spring Grove or Jackson alone. He was told another vote could be taken.

Chief Bean asked that they revote and asked that the OK Spring Grove joining, it has all pluses, no negatives. Neighbors can help neighbors and keep the costs down.

Doris Aumen from Spring Grove council stated that there council voted to to with SWRPD.

Harry Rodgers made a motion to accept Spring Grove Brough into the Southwestern Regional Police Department. Larry Sterner seconded, Paul Hilbert concurred.

Harry Rodgers moved to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

*Norma Markle, Sec.*

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