

A Special Meeting was held October 18, 2000 at 7:30 PM at the Heidelberg Township Municipal building to discuss the formation of a Regional Police Department. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Rodgers.

Harry Rodgers, Guy Brown, Paul Hilbert, Steve McKonly, Dale Myers and Norma Markle were present.

Others present were Dave O'Brein, Robert Finke, Sterling Myers, Harry & Mary Reindollar and Pat Brown.

Harry Rodgers explained what he felt would be some of the advantages and disadvantages;

ADVANTAGES: 24 hour coverage, backup would always be available, contract other services and costs would not be much greater.

DISADVANTAGES: Board of Supervisors would not have control and the response time could be greater. Is larger better?

Norma Markle explained the cost breakdown of the current and a regional department.

Current Department	-	210,453.58	(part-time)
(BC/BS)		15,841.80	
Pension		<u>15,278.71</u>	
		\$ 241,574.09	

2001 Budget - \$ 660,000.00 or 36½%  
2700 residents = \$ 89.47/resident

Regional Department	-	155,920.00	(24 hour coverage)
		<u>32,000.00</u>	
		\$ 187,920.00	

2001 Budget - \$ 660,000.00 or 28½%  
2700 residents = \$ 69.90/resident

Guy Brown explained that this study includes Heidelberg, North Codorus and Manheim Townships. A Resolution was passed at the October 4, 2000 meeting to organize a study team to study the feasibility of a regional department. The Chiefs salary for the first three years is through a grant program established by the state. Guy feels there would not need to be any equipment or material purchased to start this department. The formula used for this study is a state wide formula.

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QUESTIONS

- Harry Reindollar - Would only the Police Dept. merge? Yes  
 Purpose? 24 hour coverage & coverage on days & weekends.  
 Increase Taxes. Not at this time.
- David O'Brein - Stager shifts feels more people would be needed then study indicates.  
 Where would the headquarters be and how would this be paid for? Still checking on a location and grants can be obtained at low interest loans.  
 Isn't the 3 townships a large area to patrol & would we have better coverage?  
 Couldn't the State Police patrol the state roads within the Township?  
 Questioned the accuracy of the chart formulas in the study.
- Pat Brown - If you would join and then decide to terminate can this be done. 1 year notice to withdraw.
- Sterling Myers - Isn't this a large budget for just 2 officers? Third one will be hired soon.

A meeting will be held at North Codorus Township on November 13, 2000 at 7:00 PM to meet with the study team of all 3 townships.

Dave O'Brein would like to be on the list of people interested in serving on this study team.

Harry Rodgers stated that once this is approved that each department would have to disband.

COMMENTS

- David O'Brein - This proposal makes sense and the logic is there but needs to be studied in depth.
- Sterling Myers - Concerned about response time and finding a central location for a building.
- Pat Brown - Thanked the Board for checking into this and if this is the better way to serve the citizens of the Township he feels it should be done.

Guy Brown and Norma Markle will serve on this committee and an appointment will be made at the November 1, 2000 meeting for the third person to serve on this committee.

Harry Rodgers made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM. Paul Hilbert seconded, Guy Brown concurred.

*Norma Markle, Sec.*