

**TOWN OF CHESTER
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 4, 2018- 6:30PM**

Members Present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Wensley, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine

Also Present: Chief Daniel Doellinger

POLICE: Chief Dan Doellinger presented the Town of Chester Police Department's 2019 budget request to the Board.

B3120.1 (Personal Services) - Chief Doellinger presented a personal services budget of \$1,926,918 for 2019. He said base salary is projected as per steps pursuant to the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement expiring 12/31/19. Projected holiday pay is only for hours actually worked. Night differential is estimated for the overnight shift. Overtime projected at 10% of base for 4 hours p/week. Uniform allowance per contract. Potential unused leave accrual payouts estimated at \$55,000 for two eligible for retirement in 2019. Chief Doellinger added that \$96,000 is being paid out on October 18, 2018 for retirees. He said that the Department has been the same size for the past 11 years, so he feels it is a good time to add another sergeant's position to the budget.

B3120.2 (Equipment) - Chief Doellinger has requested a budget of \$70,000.00 to replace the 2010 Tahoe and 2016 Ford Utility vehicle. He said the fleet does an average of 160,000 miles per year. He said the 4 out-of-service vehicles will be stripped and auctioned.

B3120.4 (Contractual) - Chief Doellinger explained the \$165,811.00 budget is down \$194.00 from 2018 and includes \$14,328 for LPR purchase.

Revenue - Total revenue anticipated in 2019 is \$35,115.

A3510.4 (Animal Control) – Chief Doellinger has requested a budget of \$43,931.00 for services with Warwick Valley Humane Society along with the spay/neuter program. This contract would be \$38,556.00. The contract also calls for the spay/neuter program for a total of \$2,700.00 plus \$500 to the state for dog licensing. A discussion ensued about adding a \$5 late fee for delinquent dog licensing to offset the administrative costs associated with pursuing those who fail to renew.

Recommendations: Chief Doellinger, who is the Town Emergency Management Officer, has requested that the Town Board include the funds in their budget to purchase an emergency generator for the Senior Center building, for which grant funding may be available. Also, he requested the Town Board put into their budget the funds to implement an Employee Assistance Program for Town employees. Estimated cost received in 2012 was \$2,200 based on 50 employees.

Budget session ended at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
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