

**TOWN OF CHESTER
2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 25, 2014, 7:00 pm**

Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilman Valentine.
Absent: Councilman Murray
Also present: Betty Ann Reilly, Town Clerk, Sharon Conklin, Bookkeeper

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Doellinger presented the Board with the 2015 Police Department Budget request.

3120.1 Personal Services

Based on the current 8 hour shift there would be 2 open full-time and 1 open part-time positions.
Overtime is estimated at 10% of base.
Holiday pay is projected along with night diff.
Uniforms are by contract.
The vacancy due to Officer Kenny's resignation was left unfilled due to the potential 12 hour shift change.
There is a 3% raise calculated for the clerks.

3120.2 Equipment -

The cars out of service will be stripped down and going to auction. There are currently 6 marked units with 1 out of service and 3 unmarked cars with 1 out of service.

Chief Doellinger commented that it was more feasible to purchase than lease the police cars. Once the car is auctioned most of the accessories are kept and reused.

3120.4 Contractual –

For patrol/Safety equipment, Chief Doellinger mentioned that he would be upgrading flashlights at a cost of \$980. Furniture purchases will include a weapons' locker, safe in evidence room which is rusting, and a cabinet for \$1,200. There would also be a new refrigerator purchased for the preservation of DNA material.

Anticipated revenues should be \$22,100, including grants.

3510.4 - Animal Control – Warwick Valley Humane Society provides a 24 hour service. The request includes an increase of 4% in their contract. They provide court service, enumeration and respond to calls.

Additional requests for 2015

A request was made for an emergency generator for Town Hall. If the PD were to move to the ambulance corp. building they could utilize the generator that is already in place there.

A request was made for consideration of an Employee Assistance Program. The bookkeeper commented that she thought the Town was required to have it. The Chief received an estimate from Catholic Charities in 2012 for

\$2,200 for 50 employees. A question was raised if CDPHP offers the program. The Supervisor said he would follow-up on the issue.

Upgrades to the building would include two standup shower stall for \$3,300, bullet proof window for \$3,100 and upgrade of fire alarm system at a materials cost of \$6,882 and labor cost \$16,800. If a new Town Hall is built, or PD moves, these items may not be needed.

A question was asked whether the ambulance could fit into the police bays. Chief Doellinger said they could not.

Supervisor Jamieson commented that there is a possibility that the Town Hall might be rented.

Supervisor Jamieson thanked Chief Doellinger for presenting his budget request for 2015 and that he would follow up with the Chief following the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to list the 2005 Ford Expedition on August 28, 2014 on property room.com at \$2,500. Motion carried 4-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Walter Papailo addressed the Town Board. The parks department suggested the Board consider the renaming of community parks in honor of individuals that have been instrumental in the Town. The Town Clerk noted how the Chester Commons was named as a result of a contest. The winner received a savings bond for her winning entry. She added that Carpenter was named for the farmer who donated the land. Pulvirent was named after a man who volunteered in the little league.

The Director gave an update on the parks. Oak Street looks fine. The basketball court is well used.

The Parks department will be taking over the control of the Halloween Parade. Some of the other programs and events that the Parks department will be running is summer camp, Touch-a-Truck, Holiday Party, snow tubing, kite fest, storybook dance, movie nights, ice skating. Some new ideas include a winter bonfire, fall and spring hiking at the Commons Park, Trail at Knapp's View. They would like to see a season use pavilion at Carpenter and the renovation of the basketball court. Two ice skating rinks are also on the wish list at a cost of \$20,000.

The parks department would like to see a fee schedule put in place for renting the pavilion and fields. Also it is being considered to increase summer camp rates and move the camp to the Commons. The concession stand could be set up for hire. A discussion ensued about adding signs to the park restricting its use to Chester residents only. Passes could be issued to Town residents upon paying a small fee.

Budget session ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zappala,
Deputy Town Clerk
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