

**TOWN OF CHESTER**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2016- 6:00 PM**

Members Present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine, Councilman Brischoux, Councilman Wittekind

Also Present: Justice Janet Haislip, Justice Sharon-Worthy Spiegl

**JUSTICE COURT** – Judge Janet Haislip and Judge Sharon Worthy-Spiegl presented the Court’s budget to the Board.

**PERSONAL SERVICES A1110.0**

A budget of \$240,000 is requested, compared to \$190,331 for 2016. The request includes a 4% increase for the clerks, and an additional full time salary has also been added.

There is also \$20,000 in the budget for overtime for court sessions.

The Justices presented the Board with a copy of the operations manual for the Town Court. They explained that a recent mandate requires the scanning of all documents. They noted there were 72 cases in their last docket that kept court in session until 11:30pm. There is an increasing workload and the clerks are falling behind.

Councilman Brischoux asked if there could be some savings with overtime with scheduling. Justice Haislip said they need two clerks during court, but the third person would not have added over-time costs. Supervisor Jamieson asked if they could work with 2 part-time clerks instead of 1 full-time. The Justice said it would not be prudent. It takes years to train a new clerk.

**EQUIPMENT A1110.2**

The budget for the equipment line includes \$1,400 for 2 copier printers, down from \$1,650 last year. Supervisor Jamieson suggested the court use their unexpended balance this year for the purchase.

**CONTRACTUAL A1110.4**

A budget of \$22,000.00 is requested as compared to \$18,000 for 2016, which includes additional education expenses over last year and consultant fees.

The budget session ended at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
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