

**TOWN OF CHESTER
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 10, 2019- 5:00PM**

Members Present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Finizia, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Wensley*, Absent: Councilman Perez

Also Present: Justice Haislip, Justice Worthy-Spiegl*, Chief Daniel Doellinger

JUSTICE COURT – Justice Haislip presented the 2020 budget to the Town Board.

A1110.1 (Personal Services) – The Justices have left their salaries as Board option in 2020. They are asking for 5% increases to the Court Clerks' salaries. They also requested the longevity increase of \$6,750 for 2019 and \$7,000 for 2020 for Court Clerk Moran, as they said she makes decisions and manages the office daily, along with preparing Grant applications, training, budget, appeals, etc. Overtime is estimated at \$15,000. Court Security at \$25.32 p/hour.

Supervisor Valentine said that raises will be at 3% this year.

A1110.2 (Equipment) - \$2,500 budgeted for copier.

A1110.4-(Contractual) - \$20,000 – includes Court consultant Barbara Queenan at \$36.60 p/hr., education of \$8,000. They also asked for an increase in salary for the prosecutor.

*Councilman Wensley arrived at 5:25pm.

*Justice Worthy-Spiegl arrived at 5:30pm.

Councilman Finizia asked why there is overtime for court and if the clerks could stagger their workday. Justice Haislip replied that there is a lot to process during the day of court and with money processing during the day following court and needs to be done in a certain amount of time.

POLICE: Chief Dan Doellinger presented the Town of Chester Police Department's 2020 budget request to the Board.

B3120.1 (Personal Services) - Chief Doellinger presented a personal services budget of \$2,131,028 for 2020 up from \$1,843,279 from 2019. He said base salary is projected as per steps pursuant to the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement estimates as of 2020. Projected holiday pay was based on the current work schedule. Overtime projected at 10% of base for 4 hours p/week and night differential is estimated, based on schedule and overtime predictions. Uniform allowance per contract. Potential unused leave accrual payouts estimated at \$50,000 for eligible retirements in 2020. Another full-time officer has been added for the evening shift to offset the SRO. This position anticipates revenue of 50,000. One part-time officer slot remains open with no current plans to be filled due to sufficient coverage. Clerks' wage was estimated at 3% over 2019.

B3120.2 (Equipment) - Chief Doellinger said the budget shows \$70,000, but should be 0 due to the vehicle replacements done in 2019.

B3120.4 (Contractual) - Chief Doellinger explained the \$185,673 budget, up from \$165,811 in 2019 which includes computers at \$3,000, live scan fingerprinting at \$25,600 and ballistic vest replacements of \$5,670 for 10 vests.

Revenue - Total revenue anticipated in 2020 is \$86,384 inclusive of SRO reimbursement.

A3510.4 (Animal Control) – Chief Doellinger has requested a budget of \$44,779 for services with Warwick Valley Humane Society along with the spay/neuter program, supplies and postage for renewal notices. Revenue is estimated at \$13,000.

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 forthcoming. 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.

A discussion ensued as to whether the SLPAC would be a more appropriate emergency shelter.

*Councilman Wensley left the meeting at 6:15pm.

The Chief explained to the Board the changes in the law affecting bail and arraignments. A discussion ensued about the impact it may have on law enforcement, incarcerations and overall revenues.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
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