

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

(3) PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 1, 2017
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: SCHREIBER - DiPLACIDO - BOWMAN - SPIEGELMAN
KALINOSKI

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

PS-01-110117 Consider Bids for Police Equipment and Uniforms
(Police - Lt. Warner)

Motion to award the contract for furnishing Police Equipment to American Uniform Sales, Inc. and to award the contract for furnishing Police Uniforms to Red the Uniform Tailor.

PS-02-110117 Affirm and Promote Deputy Chief Patrick Molloy as Chief of Police (Chief Livingood)

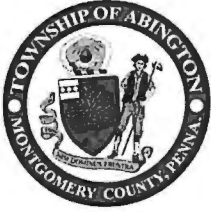
Affirm and promote Deputy Chief Patrick Molloy as the Chief of Police effective February 1, 2018 or whenever current Chief John A. Livingood retires, whichever is sooner.

PS-03-110117 Affirm and appoint Lieutenant Kelley Warner to Deputy Chief of Police (Chief Livingood)

Affirm and appoint Lieutenant Kelley Warner as Deputy Chief of Police effective November 13, 2017.

PS-04-110117 Promotion of Officer Joseph Blei to the Rank of Sergeant
(Chief Livingood)

Motion to appoint and approve the promotion of Officer Joseph to Police Sergeant effective November 13, 2017.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

11-01-2017

DATE

Police

DEPARTMENT

PS-01-110117

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes

No

PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$19,700.

Yes

No

AGENDA ITEM:

Bids for Police Equipment and Uniforms

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There are separate bids for equipment and for uniforms. Bidders can bid on one or the other or both. Bid packets and specifications were sent to 16 vendors for Police Uniforms, Shirts, Coats and Equipment. Bid packets were due to the Township for opening at 2:00 pm on October 18, 2017. Bids are to be awarded for a three (3) year contract. A total of three (3) bids for equipment/uniforms were received.

One vendor, Red the Uniform Tailor, bid on the clothing. The Abington Police Officer Uniform is unique in color and design it is also custom tailored to each officer and made of high quality material that is durable. The Police Department has been using Red the Uniform Tailor since 2003 and has even won an award for Best Dressed Police Departments.

Two vendors bid on the equipment, Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc and American Uniform Sales, Inc. Although Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc provided a Bid, it was incomplete because they were unable to bid on all required items.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

11-01-2017

DATE

PS-01-110117

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

Police

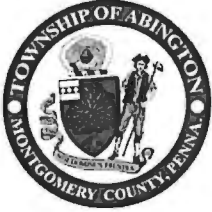
DEPARTMENT

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Motion to award the contract for furnishing Police Equipment to American Uniform Sales, Inc. and to award the contract for furnishing Police Uniforms to Red the Uniform Tailor.



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

Richard J. Manfredi
Township Manager

FISCAL NOTE

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: PS-01-110117

DATE INTRODUCED: 11-1-17

FISCAL IMPACT AMOUNT: \$43,700

FUND: Various Budget Lines within Police Budget

FISCAL IMPACT:

YES

NO

| FISCAL IMPACT | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Cost > \$10,000. | |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

SUMMARY

Each proposal price shall remain in effect during the term of the contract or for three (3) years. Proposal pricing will be provided for each item that is specified on the uniform and/or equipment order form for an estimated quantity as a basis for comparison bids. The following are the proposals for equipment and uniforms.

EQUIPMENT:

American Uniform Sales, Inc

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$35,295.75 | \$36,346.25 | \$37,443.00 |

UNIFORM:

Red the Uniform Tailor

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$233,392.50 | \$233,392.50 | \$240,440.00 |

ANALYSIS

The CBA states that each year of the contract each officer is entitled to a uniform allowance of \$475 totaling \$43,700. The fiscal impact will be \$43,700 for each bid year, 2018-2020*.

*2020 would be the first year of a new CBA and is subject to change.

Kelley Warner

From: Terry Castorina
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Kelley Warner
Cc: Debi Corwell
Subject: FW: CONFIRMING 1 of 2***Re: Notice to Bidders
Attachments: RFB POLICE UNIFORMS.pdf

From: GPM Legals [mailto:legals@calkins.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Terry Castorina <tcastorina@abington.org>
Subject: CONFIRMING 1 of 2***Re: Notice to Bidders

Please find the ad copy for your notice attached and the publication details below. Let me know if there are any questions.

Please expect your other confirmation shortly.

Thanks,

Mindy

Your notice is all set to run.

Order #: 7161930
Run Date(s): 9/18, 25
Publication: INTELL
Price: \$333.68

(Includes one affidavit (PROOF OF PUBLICATION) that you will receive in the mail approx. 7 days after final run date. The affidavit will be in an envelope from CALKINS MEDIA.)

Please review this copy of your ad and call with any changes. If no changes need to be made, no further action is required on your part.

******* Please call for deadlines *******

PUBLIC NOTICES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA**

Sealed Bids for **POLICE UNIFORM EQUIPMENT** are due at the Township of Abington, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, Pennsylvania, by **2:00 p.m. on October 18, 2017** and will be opened publicly at that time for furnishing the following:

**Police Uniform Equipment
for the Abington Township
Police Department**

BIDS must show price for materials and equipment delivered to the Township Building at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, Pennsylvania.

ALL BIDS must be submitted in a **SEALED ENVELOPE**, marked clearly on the outside - "**CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR POLICE UNIFORM EQUIPMENT**" and must be addressed to the Township of ABINGTON.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON reserves the right to reject any or all bids. A Performance Bond will be required from the successful bidder.

Bidding Documents including Instructions to Bidders and Bid Proposal are available at the Township Building, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, Pennsylvania, 19001.
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ABINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Chief John Livingood
FROM: Lieutenant Kelley Warner
DATE: October 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Summary of Bids for Police Uniform and Equipment 2018-2020

Police Uniform and Equipment Bids were sent to 16 vendors, of the 16 vendors, 5 were returned – 'Return to Sender, No forwarding Address'. Of the remaining 11, only 3 vendors submitted bids, the other 9 either decided not to bid or failed to complete the bid on time.

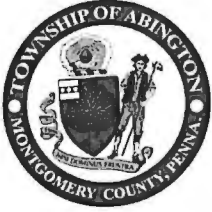
Of the 3 bids received (Red the Uniform Tailor, American Uniform Sales, Inc and Witmer Public Safety Group), Witmer Public Safety Group submitted an incomplete bid. The two remaining bids are the most responsible and have been vendors for the Police Department for several years.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| b. | Short Sleeve Shirt | 70 | \$62.50 | \$4,375.00 | \$62.50 | \$4,375.00 | \$64.40 | \$4,508.00 |
| 6. | UNIFORM DRESS BLOUSE | 20 | \$382.50 | \$7,650.00 | \$382.50 | \$7,650.00 | \$394.00 | \$7,880.00 |
| 7. | UNIFORM DRESS BLOUSE COMMAND | 5 | \$396.50 | \$1,982.50 | \$396.50 | \$1,982.50 | \$408.40 | \$2,042.00 |
| 8. | MOCK-NECK SHIRTS | | | | | | | |
| a. | Mock-Neck Long Sleeve Shirt | 225 | \$29.50 | \$6,637.50 | \$29.50 | \$6,637.50 | \$30.40 | \$6,840.00 |
| b. | Mock-Neck Short Sleeve Shirt | 225 | \$32.50 | \$7,312.50 | \$32.50 | \$7,312.00 | \$33.50 | \$7,537.50 |
| c. | Under Armor 5512 Turtleneck | 225 | \$46.50 | \$10,462.50 | \$46.50 | \$10,462.50 | \$47.90 | \$10,777.50 |
| 8. | SWEATERS | | | | | | | |
| a. | ¼ Zip Fleece Lined | 25 | \$102.50 | \$2,562.50 | \$102.50 | \$2,562.50 | \$105.60 | \$2,640.00 |
| 9. | TRAINING UNIFORMS | | | | | | | |
| a. | Blauer Training Trousers | 50 | \$48.95 | \$2,447.50 | \$48.95 | \$2,447.50 | \$50.40 | \$2,520.00 |
| b. | Long Sleeve Polo Shirt | 50 | \$48.95 | \$2,447.50 | \$48.95 | \$2,447.50 | \$50.40 | \$2,520.00 |
| c. | Short Sleeve Polo Shirt | 50 | \$45.50 | \$2,275.00 | \$45.50 | \$2,275.00 | \$46.85 | \$2,342.50 |
| 10. | HATS | | | | | | | |
| a. | Cap – Officer / Sergeant | 100 | \$67.50 | \$6,750.00 | \$67.50 | \$6,750.00 | \$69.55 | \$6,955.00 |
| a1 | Cap – Lieutenant | 10 | \$76.50 | \$765.00 | \$76.50 | \$765.00 | \$78.80 | \$788.00 |
| a2 | Cap – Chief / Deputy Chief | 5 | \$119.50 | \$597.50 | \$119.50 | \$597.50 | \$123.10 | \$615.50 |
| b. | Pacific Headwear Fleece Beanie | 50 | \$10.00 | \$500.00 | \$10.00 | \$500.00 | \$10.30 | \$515.00 |
| c. | Reversible Cap Cover | 100 | \$9.75 | \$975.00 | \$9.75 | \$975.00 | \$10.05 | \$1,005.00 |
| 11. | TIE | 100 | \$7.50 | \$750.00 | \$7.50 | \$750.00 | \$7.75 | \$775.00 |
| 12. | UNDER ARMOUR ITEMS | | | | | | | |
| a. | Short Sleeve Crew Neck UA Tech T-Shirt (Midnight Blue) | 100 | \$18.75 | \$1,875.00 | \$18.75 | \$1,875.00 | \$19.30 | \$1,930.00 |
| b. | Cold Gear Legging (Midnight Blue) | 100 | \$41.25 | \$4,125.00 | \$41.25 | \$4,125.00 | \$42.50 | \$4,250.00 |
| c. | Cold Gear Mock Neck Long Sleeve Shirt (Midnight Blue) | 100 | \$46.50 | \$4,650.00 | \$46.50 | \$4,650.00 | \$47.90 | \$4,790.00 |
| 13. | Propper Crew Neck, 3 pack | 50 | \$20.50 | \$1,025.00 | \$20.50 | \$1,025.00 | \$21.10 | \$1,055.00 |
| TOTALS | | | | \$233,392.50 | | \$233,392.50 | | \$240,440.00 |

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

BID FORM

| # | ITEM | SUB UNIT | 2018 UNIT | 2018 TOTAL | 2019 UNIT | 2019 TOTAL | 2020 UNIT | 2020 TOTAL |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| b. | Sergeants – Rhodium (pin or wallet) | 5 | 73.45 | 367.25 | 75.60 | 378.- | 77.90 | 389.50 |
| c. | Officers – Rhodium (pin or wallet) | 5 | 73.45 | 367.25 | 75.60 | 378.- | 77.90 | 389.50 |
| 10. | HAT BADGES | | | | | | | |
| a. | Chief, Deputy Chief, Lts – Gold | 15 | 52.30 | 784.50 | 53.90 | 808.50 | 55.50 | 832.50 |
| b. | Sergeants – Rhodium | 20 | 46.15 | 923.- | 47.50 | 950.00 | 49.00 | 980.- |
| c. | Officers – Rhodium | 40 | 46.15 | 1,846.- | 47.50 | 1,900.- | 49.00 | 1,960.- |
| 11. | NAME PLATE | | | | | | | |
| a. | Chief, Deputy Chief, Lts – Gold | 15 | 11.40 | 171.- | 11.75 | 176.25 | 12.15 | 182.25 |
| b. | Sergeants, Officers - Rhodium | 20 | 11.40 | 228.- | 11.75 | 235.- | 12.15 | 243.- |
| 12. | SERVING SINCE PIN | | | | | | | |
| a. | Chief, Deputy Chief, Lts – Gold | 15 | 11.40 | 171.- | 11.75 | 176.25 | 12.15 | 182.25 |
| b. | Sergeants, Officers - Rhodium | 20 | 11.40 | 228.- | 11.75 | 235.- | 12.15 | 243.- |
| 13. | HOLSTERS | | | | | | | |
| a. | Sig Sauer P-226 (left or right hand) | 10 | 39.- | 390.- | 40.15 | 401.50 | 41.35 | 413.50 |
| b. | Sig Sauer P-229 (left or right hand) | 10 | 39.- | 390.- | 40.15 | 401.50 | 41.35 | 413.50 |
| 14. | Hinged Handcuff | 15 | 33.50 | 502.50 | 34.50 | 517.50 | 35.50 | 532.50 |
| 15. | Swivel Baton Holder | 10 | 24.20 | 242.- | 24.90 | 249.- | 25.65 | 256.50 |
| 16. | Ear Protectors | 10 | 22.00 | 220.- | 22.75 | 227.50 | 23.30 | 233.- |
| 17. | Shooting Glasses Silencio | 30 | 3.85 | 115.50 | 3.95 | 118.50 | 4.05 | 121.50 |
| 18. | Gear Bag/Organizer | 20 | 42.65 | 853.- | 43.90 | 878.- | 45.25 | 905.- |
| 19. | Giant SWAT Bag | 10 | 80.35 | 803.50 | 82.75 | 827.50 | 85.20 | 852.- |
| 20. | Gun Care Kit | 10 | 19.15 | 191.50 | 19.75 | 197.50 | 20.35 | 203.50 |
| 21. | Shoe Shine Kit | 30 | 16.60 | 498.- | 17.05 | 511.50 | 17.60 | 528.- |
| 22. | Knife 3 ¼" Blade | 20 | 16.85 | 337.- | 17.35 | 347.- | 17.85 | 357.- |
| 23. | Clipboard 8 ½" x 12" | 10 | 28.50 | 285.- | 29.35 | 293.50 | 30.20 | 302.00 |
| 24. | Clipboard 11 1/5" x 6 ½" x 2 ¼" | 10 | 22.70 | 227.00 | 23.35 | 233.50 | 24.10 | 241.00 |
| 25. | 1 ¾" Leather Belt | 10 | 9.00 | 90.00 | 9.15 | 91.50 | 9.50 | 95.00 |



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

11-01-2017

DATE

Police

DEPARTMENT

PS-02-110117

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes

No

PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$19,700.

Yes

No

AGENDA ITEM:

Affirm and Promote Deputy Chief Patrick Molloy as Chief of Police

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

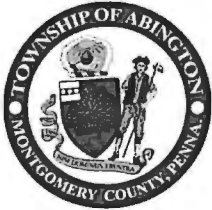
The current Chief of Police is officially retiring on February 1, 2018, creating a vacancy in the position of Chief of Police. Consistent with the manager selection for the Chief of Police, and with the consent of the Board of Commissioners on September 6, 2017, Deputy Chief Pat Malloy is formally presented for affirmation and appointment the next Chief of Police for Abington Township.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Approve and appoint Deputy Chief Patrick Molloy as the next Chief of Police effective February 1, 2018 or whenever current Chief John A. Livingood retires, whichever is sooner.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

11-01-2017

DATE

Police

DEPARTMENT

PS-03-110117

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes No

PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$19,700.

Yes No

AGENDA ITEM:

Affirm and appoint Lieutenant Kelley Warner to Deputy Chief of Police

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of Deputy Chief Malloy being selected and appointed Chief of Police, a vacancy in the Deputy Chief position will exist effective February 1, 2018. Chief Livingood and Deputy Chief Malloy selected and recommended to the Township Manager Lieutenant Warner to be appointed to the Deputy Chief of Police position. Township Manager Manfredi concurs with the selection and Lt. Kelley Warner's formal appointment to Deputy Chief of Police is now before the Board of Commissioners.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Approve and appoint Lieutenant Kelley Warner as Deputy Chief of Police effective November 13, 2017.



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

11-01-2017

DATE

Police

DEPARTMENT

PS-04-110117

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost > \$10,000.

Yes

No

PUBLIC BID REQUIRED

Cost > \$19,700.

Yes

No

AGENDA ITEM:

Promotion of Officer Joseph Blei to the Position of Sergeant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Officer Joseph Blei is the next candidate on the certified Civil Service List and is highly recommended by the Police Administration. The next three candidates are:

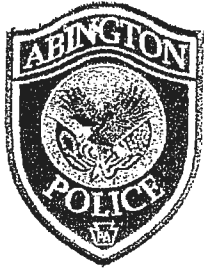
1. Joseph Blei
2. Troy Senne
3. David Wiley

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Motion to appoint and approve the promotion of Officer Joseph to Police Sergeant effective November 13, 2017.



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
1166 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001

To: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager
From: John A. Livingood, Chief of Police
Date: October 20, 2017
Subject: Promotion of Officer Joseph Blei to Sergeant

Officer Joseph Blei is the next candidate on the Civil Service certified list for Police Sergeant. The Police Administration considers him to be highly qualified for the position. As part of the Police Department's Succession Plan, we will need to make another Police Sergeant in January, 2018. We need to move that promotion up because training and recruitment processes will make several Patrol Supervisors unavailable in early 2018. The promotion of Officer Blei now will allow for some overlap training so that the new Sergeant is ready to function as a supervisor more quickly and will be able to fill in these supervisory vacancies.

This is consistent with our succession plan and only temporarily changes the number of sergeants/supervisors in the Department.

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, KALINOSKI
Excused: DiPLACIDO, SPIEGELMAN

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police LIVINGOOD
Traffic Safety Officer FREED
Fire Marshal CLARK
Assistant Fire Marshal ROHRER
Fire Administrator SCHRAMM

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, MYERS, SANCHEZ, ZAPPONE, GILLESPIE

MINUTES: Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Livingood reported that a press release was put out this afternoon regarding an arrest that was made of skimmers in which an investigation has been ongoing for a few months. A skimming device was placed on an ATM at Citizens Bank in Abington Township on Keith and Old York Roads for eight straight days during the month of August at 5:00 a.m. and was removed each evening. 170 debit accounts were compromised resulting in a substantial loss, although not to the cardholders, but for the bank

In addition, we determined that this was part of a larger operation of other banks in Abington, Upper Moreland, Springfield and Cheltenham Townships. One of Abington's Detectives traveled to New York City to meet with a Detective Squad that they have been working with via telephone for some time and search warrants were served on a few apartments in Queens. Recovered was a substantial amount of cash, gift cards and skimming equipment.

Also, presented to the Board was a portable device that officers use on the street that takes fingerprints and transmits it electronically automatically identifying individuals and it also takes photos. The department has two of these devices.

In regards to the opioid epidemic; Abington Police Officers have used Narcan 10 times resulting in seven saves and there other instances where the Second Alarmers used Narcan sometimes in concert with the police; other times on their own. To-date, unfortunately, nine people died from overdose this year.

On Friday, October 6, 2017 there will be an opioid seminar to be held at Abington-Jefferson where he will be making a presentation.

Traffic Safety Officer Freed reminded everyone that the September Traffic Safety Blitz has ended, so please remove lawn signs and store them until June. Also, during the week of October 15th, we will be working in conjunction with Abington School District where officers will be assigned to school bus routes doing enforcement on driver's passing school buses when the buses have their flashing lights on.

Commissioner Bowman asked for more detail on the fingerprinting device.

Chief Livingood replied if the motorist does not have identification, the officer takes their fingerprint and it is electronically transmitted identifying the individual.

Commissioner Schreiber questioned how it is determined who the fingerprint devices are assigned to.

Chief Livingood replied they are deployed in supervisors' vehicles in which those vehicles have more specialized equipment.

President Luker asked for the cost of the fingerprinting device.

Chief Livingood replied approximately \$4,000 each.

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged Rich Garrett, Second Alarmers who was present to answer any questions by the Board.

Consider Proposed Ordinance No. 2143 Creating Tax Incentives for Members of the Abington Township Fire Department and Montgomery County Second Alarmers (EMS) and Motion to Advertise New Ordinance

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2143 creating Tax Incentives for members of the Abington Township Fire Department and Montgomery County Second Alarmers (EMS) and to advertise Ordinance No. 2143 for adoption at the 11/9/2017 regular public meeting.

Solicitor Clarke noted that the motion will need to be amended as the statute enabling this program requires a minimum of 30 days of advertising, so the vote to advertise will need to take place at the December 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION to AMEND the MOTION to advertise Ordinance No. 2143 for adoption at the December 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners regular public meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski.

MOTION to AMEND the MOTION – PASSED 3-0.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Manager Manfredi noted that Fire Marshal Clark along with Assistant Fire Marshal Rohrer and Fire Administrator Schramm are here this evening and there were a number of meetings on this matter. Also, Ms. Lisa Scholly, who was excused this evening, should be recognized for the incredible work she did on this matter.

Fire Marshal Clark said based on guidelines received approximate cost would be \$50,000 and Second Alarmers provided a list of their volunteers. Proposed ordinance will result in approximately \$200 savings for firefighters of EIT and property taxes.

Assistant Fire Marshal Rohrer added that for the EIT, there are 132 qualified members that are eligible for a \$35,052.00 tax credit; for the property tax, there are 177 eligible members for a \$10,850.00 tax credit.

Dave Schramm noted the purpose of this program is to attract new volunteers and to retain the current volunteers as well as give incentives to our volunteers to reach the threshold set by the department for participation, so it is a tax rebate incentive program to sustain the volunteer system.

Manager Manfredi said if this ordinance passes there will be a fiscal impact to proposed 2018 budget.

Commissioner Schreiber questioned why eligibility period for 2017 calendar year shall be from January 20th through December 31st, and for 2018 and subsequent years, the eligibility period shall be from January 1st through December 31st of each calendar year. Also, referring to tax credit register; she expressed concern about personal information such as social security numbers being kept private.

Solicitor Clarke replied that is how the statute is written and that is the required information per State statute. Relevant information will be sent to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania directly from the Fire Marshal's Office/Tax Office.

Commissioner Schreiber clarified that if two volunteers live in the same household, they both receive EIT tax credit, but it is a one time only property tax credit. Is that correct?

Assistant Fire Marshal replied that is correct.

Commissioner Kalinoski commented that he agrees with this idea and thanked those who brought this before the Board, and he looks forward to voting "yes" for it.

Commissioner Myers commented that recruitment and retention is something that has been worked on for a long time and this will help with that. Is there a plan to get this information out to the public?

Dave Schramm replied we have many publications including a website and Facebook page, so the channels are in place to get this information out.

Commissioner Sanchez agrees with Commissioner DiPlacido, who was not present this evening, but asked for his statement to be read into the record as follows:

'I fully support the tax exemption motion for Abington Township Fire Department knowing that my neighbors and friends are now eligible for this makes me extremely happy let alone grateful for all that the Fire Chief of McKinley and his fire crew do for our community and it is long overdue and extremely well-deserved.'

Commissioner Schreiber added that Commissioner Spiegelman also expressed that he is in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Kline thanked Commissioner Schreiber for bringing the initial idea before the Board and to officials of the Fire Marshal's Office for their work on it. Will the figures that were put together by the Fire Marshal's Office be given to the Board prior to the Board meeting next Thursday and made available for the public?

Manager Manfredi replied yes.

Commissioner Kline asked for further clarification on Ordinance No. 2143 – Section 152-85 – Qualifying Volunteers – Item B - Joint Tax Return.

Solicitor Clarke replied it applies only to the Township portion of the EIT and not to the School District’s portion, and he does not believe that the School District is permitted to abate these taxes.

Commissioner Kline referring to Section 152-88- Real Property Tax Credit, and clarified that the person has to own the property under their name and not rent the property. Is that correct?

Solicitor Clarke replied the section of Qualified Real Property says, “A residential real property owned and occupied as the domicile of an active volunteer.”

Commissioner Kline clarified that an active volunteer is eligible for both tax credits and, regarding the 20% on property tax, is there a reason why there is no cap on that like there is on the EIT tax.

Solicitor Clarke replied volunteers are eligible for both credits, and the cap was not provided for in the legislation.

Commissioner Kline expressed concern that if the County reassess their assessment values how that will affect property taxes. Also, he asked about criteria for determining the point systems.

Manager Manfredi replied if the County does a County-wide reassessment for the first year after the property taxes there is a limit on how high it can be made. Immediately following adoption of the ordinance, a resolution would need to be adopted that sets the guidelines at the December Board meeting.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern is that she feels the incentive is not the same for everyone and she encouraged the “Board to go to Harrisburg to work towards paying the volunteers a minimal amount that would still qualify them being a volunteer.”

MOTION as AMENDED – PASSED 3-0.

Resolution No. 17-022 - Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize Township officials to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering in the amount of \$55,000.00 with the Township's matching portion approximately \$480.00.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that "in America, we have the right to not have police interruption and to be stopped for no reason."

MOTION was ADOPTED 2-1. Commissioner Bowman opposed.

Adopt Ordinance No. 2144:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2144 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 (Stop Intersections); Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing) and Section 27 (Parking Time Limited). Ordinance No. 2144 will establish the following: Stop signs on Davidson Road at London Road northbound and southbound, Stop sign on Hemlock Circle northbound at Canterbury Road (east intersection), Stop sign on Hemlock Circle northbound at Canterbury Road (west intersection), Stop signs on Mill Road at Moredon Road both directions, 3-way Stop signs Sewell Lane at Cherry Lane, No Parking on the south side of Windsor Avenue from North Hills Avenue at 79 feet east of North Hills Avenue. Ordinance No. 2144 (attached) will repeal the following: Old York Road (old section) at Temple Beth Am – No Parking on Tuesday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Bowman clarified that a Stop sign will be installed on Mill Road down the hill at Moredon both ways. Is that correct? Also, are there many accidents at that location?

Traffic Safety Officer Freed replied that is correct, and there are a substantial amount of accidents due to sight distance coming off of Moredon Road, so an all-way Stop sign needs to be installed.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, questioned whether there were accident statistics at Mill and Moredon Roads. Also, she expressed concern that she “does not have a problem seeing right or left at the bottom of the hill so perhaps the Stop sign is in the wrong place.”

Traffic Safety Officer Freed replied there have been a number of accidents there, and although he does not have the figures at this time, this intersection does meet sight distance requirements for an all-way Stop sign.

Commissioner Kline said he discussed this intersection with Officer Freed many times about the sight distance issue coming down Moredon from Mill Road where there is a natural embankment and drivers can not see past it.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3-0.

Disposal of Unclaimed Confiscated Bicycles

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski directing the Police Department to donate to the Bikes for Tykes Program, c/o Sussman Automotive, all unclaimed bicycles and bicycle parts which have been confiscated and are being held by the Department

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kalinoski commented that this is a great program, and if someone loses their bike, they should contact the police department to have it registered.

Commissioner Schreiber pointed out that a list has been made available of the bikes picked up from 2016/2017.

Commissioner Myers added that these bikes have been sitting around a long time and most are in bad condition. The employees at Sussman Automotive volunteer to fix them making them look like new and give the bikes to children who may not otherwise have one.

Commissioner Kline agreed with Commissioner Kalinoski that this is a great program.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that it should be advertised that the police have “lost” bikes and they are about to be disposed of for a very good cause because she feels that “everyone does not know to go to the police if they lost a bike.”

Manager Manfredi clarified that in regards to this agenda item, there is a complete list of bikes as noted in a memo from Mr. Sands to Chief Livingood dated, September 20, 2017 posted online available for the public.

MOTION was ADOPTED 3-0.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any general comments relating Public Safety.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for the list of bikes to be sent to the public via email and Commissioner’s letters. Also, she feels a “Stop sign at Moredon Road will not solve the problem.”

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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