

SOUTH WARREN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

May 7, 2013

The meeting of the South Warren Regional Police Commission was called to order by Mayor Steinhardt at 9:00 am. The meeting was held at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey. A silent prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Mayor Steinhardt stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Present: Mayor Steinhardt, Mayor Kern, Councilwomen McCabe and Van Lieu. Also present were Lopatcong Township Police Chief Marinelli, Pohatcong Township Police Chief Greenemeir and CFO Dobes.

Old Business:

Minutes – Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2013. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman Van Lieu. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilwomen McCabe and Van Lieu, Mayor Kern and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Steinhardt introduced Angelo Faillace, Deputy Mayor of Greenwich Township, and stated that they had passed a resolution to participate in the discussion with the South Warren Regional Police Commission. There is no obligation; the discussion is to determine if it makes sense from a public safety and economic standpoint.

Greenwich Resolution: – Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to accept the Greenwich Township Resolution to participate in the SWRPC. Motion by Councilwoman Van Lieu, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilwomen McCabe and Van Lieu, Mayor Kern and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Steinhardt invited Deputy Mayor Faillace to join the members at the dais. He then explained to Deputy Mayor Faillace that he and Mayor Perez can select two Committees to sit on.

Committee Updates -

Personnel Committee – Councilwoman Van Lieu reported that they had not heard back from the state. Mayor Steinhardt informed Deputy Mayor Faillace that Greenwich would need to provide

a list of documentation, i.e.: Police Department list of officers and titles, rank, date of hire, salaries, police contract, Chief's contract and benefits and commentary on perks, etc. to submit to Civil Service in order for them to develop a Reconciliation Plan.

Finance Committee - Mayor Kern noted that Greenwich will also need to provide their police department's operating budget. He also advised that the Pohatcong Township Municipal Building opened for business today and we can begin to alternate meeting places.

Collective Bargaining Committee - Mayor Steinhardt stated that he is in the process of finalizing notes and then will be comparing notes with Councilwoman McCabe and would now need to include the Greenwich information. He also reported that the joint bargaining units from Lopatcong and Pohatcong Townships Police Departments had sent a letter providing a list of dates to meet. He hoped to have more information to share after that meeting.

Administrative and Executive Committee – Councilwoman McCabe advised that there were no updates to report at this time. They are reviewing the questions to post on the websites.

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve Committee Reports and the additions of Deputy Mayor Faillace and Mayor Perez to the SWRPC Committees. Deputy Mayor Faillace chose to participate on the Personnel and Finance Committees. Mayor Perez will join the Collective Bargaining and Administrative & Executive Committees. Motion by Councilwoman Van Lieu, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwomen McCabe and Van Lieu, Deputy Mayor Faillace, Mayor Kern and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Steinhardt stated that the main purpose of the meeting today was to get Greenwich actively engaged and to invite Chief Guzzo as soon as he is available to join us and hopefully if we can pass a message; Betty if you can relay to Phyllis to pass a message back to the Joint Lopatcong and Pohatcong Unit that Greenwich is now in discussions with us and we would like to welcome their representatives to that Unit as well in hopes that we can sit down we representatives of all three Townships.

Public Comment: Pohatcong Township Detective Sergeant Scott Robb suggested that the Joint Bargaining Units meet with the Collective Bargaining Committee right before these meetings. Mayor Steinhardt replied.

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Van Lieu, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Commission Secretary

