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COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION NOTES
December 15, 2015

The work session was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Office, 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA.

Board Members present:
Bill Weimer, Lynn Kelly, Fred Pope, Juan Adams and Robert M. Zito(arrived at 6:50pm)
Board Members absent:
None
Staff present:
Jerry Hanna, Solicitor, Erin Masker, Recording Secretary
Staff absent:
None

Mr. Weimer announced that this work session is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the notes.

1. **Representatives of the Police Commission to discuss 2016 Budget**
   Representatives from Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission present were: Chief Chris Wagner, Fran DePiano, and Dave Moyer, stating they wanted to come to the meeting to make sure that the Supervisors understood the budget and how they came to the figures. Chief Wagner spoke about the 2016 PMRPC budget stating that all line items either remained the same or reflect a slight increase with the exception of items that are increased beyond their control including the cost for salaries as they are bound by a union contract, workers comp insurance and health insurance. Mr. DePiano stated that the MMO for 2016 has dropped as it is now 100% funded as opposed to previous years. The Commission members stated that the figure that Coolbaugh committed to was not the figure from 2015 as Coolbaugh paid $2,138,000.00 in 2015 but is committed to $2,124,353.88 for 2016, and that the shortfall on the shortage would then be spread over the other Municipalities. Mr. Weimer stated that we have given a figure in our letter dated October 12, 2015 which is what we have available to spend and that we must remember we are currently defending a lawsuit brought against us from the PMRPC that is costing the Township hundreds of thousands of dollars that had we not been in a lawsuit we may have been able to commit more to the annual commitment amount. Mount Pocono Mayor Courtright stated that Coolbaugh must remember that the less money that is committed means less hours for coverage, stating that Coolbaugh has not designated a number of hours that they wish to purchase but instead just designating a pot of money. Mr. Courtright also described the lawsuit as clarifying the relationship between the Municipalities and the PMRPC. Mr. Adams clarified that the lawsuit we are currently involved in is between all parties involved. Mr. Weimer stated that raising the taxes is not an option and that many people have said that Coolbaugh is trying to micro-manage the police commission but that is not true, we are asking for clarification as to where and what the money we contribute is spent on not telling you how to spend it. D. Moyer stated that there was a meeting held at the PMSD and that he thought that things were going well until a packet with threatening information was handed out, stating we need to move on with whatever direction that may be. Mr. Adams stated that he was in attendance at the December meeting and thought all was well until the commissioner

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made a motion to sue Coolbaugh Township. Mayor Courtright stated that we need to separate the lawsuit from police service and that unlike the other commission members he believes we need to stay together. Mr. Pope stated that he was in the understanding that when Barrett joined the cost would go down to the other municipalities. Chief Wagner stated that the cost for 2015 went down but that the cost for 2016 has slightly increased due to the cost of doing business including health insurance costs, workman's comp insurance and pay raises.

- **Discussion:** Mr. Volpe states that he and D. Pope hear it from both sides and we are down to the wire and running out of time. We will be affected for police service. D. Broxmeier stated that the police give good service and that Coolbaugh made a good decision sticking to the figure. B. Sanford stated that not every town can raise taxes, you have to cut your budget or we can't pay at all. P. Williams stated that maybe if Coolbaugh didn't have to pay 41% of the budget, saying that not everyone gets a raise every year. Mr. DePiano replied they are bound to give the raises by the union contract.

2. **Other Business**
   Nothing was heard**.**

3. **Public Input**
   D. Broxmeier did anything happen with the dumping on Green Road, being advised not yet but Mr. Weimer will be sure to take care of it. D. Broxmeier stated that there are more piles at the recycling center, being advised that purchasing cameras is on the agenda for tonight. V. Massaro stated someone dumped a hot water heater at the recycling center. Codes letter about E-911 signs will also have information about properties with items on their property that do not meet codes and that they will be fined. D. Broxmeier asked about the outcome of the property on 196 that was discussed last month and was advised that chickens are legal in an R-3 zone and roosters are not. The issue is still being looked into. B. Sanford thanked the Board for holding their line on the Police Commission issues and sticking to your word.

The Work Session ended at 6:54 pm.