**Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Minutes of December 13, 2018

The Safety Committee Meeting convened at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers, located in Borough Hall, 237 7th St., West Easton.

In attendance was Committee member Matthew Dees, Committee member David Bolash, and Mayor Dan DePaul. Matthew Dees was acting Chairperson, as assigned Chairperson Desiree Lake was unable to attend.

West Easton Police Consultant, Mr. Robert Mahady, attended as a guest of the Safety Committee, to advise on desired items and costs for the part-time police department.

**Background**

**By a vote of Council during the Council Meeting of 12/10/18, it was approved that up to $40,000 in expenditures in the 2018 budget for police equipment and costs could be authorized by the Safety Committee at this night’s meeting.**

**Matters Discussed:**

The Safety Committee sought from Mr. Mahady, the items and approximate costs of securing those items.

Councilman Dees informed those present that Councilperson Lake informed him that she was looking into the costs of Internet, telephone, and a copy machine for the police building.

**Items approved**

High Tech Security Alarms will install various security sensors (burglar/safety sensors) for the police building. The cost includes the first month of Central Station Monitoring ($35/mo.). $440

Purchasing property insurance for the police building and contents, estimated at $3500/yr.

Police Chief uniform and accessories. Up to $1600

Fully equipped Ford Explorer 4x4 from Northampton County Sheriff’s fleet, contingent upon a mechanical inspection that finds no major repairs needed. Up to $4000

Parking Violation citation books. Up to $500

(8) Police badges. Up to $400

(2) Gun storage lockers. Up to $1000

(2) Vehicle equipment bags w/basic safety items. Up to $300

Rolling equipment storage chest w/drawers for use in building. Up to $500

Gun/Rifle safe. Up to $1000

NIK (drug) test kits/evidence bags/supplies. Up to $1400

PA Bulletin subscription (updates police on law changes). $87/yr.

**\***Security Camera System

While West Easton will ask for quotes for a professional installation of a security camera system, Councilman Dees will investigate the cost of purchasing a high-end camera system with the installation being performed in-house. Estimated cost of 6 cameras, DVR, and monitor, if done in-house, would be less than $1000.

**Conclusion:**

Though the Committee has approved the purchase of the items listed above, it should be noted that the security of the building should be performed first, as many of the items would need to be stored within the building until the police department becomes active.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM**