

**ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Robert J. May, Council President  
Mr. David W. Eggert, Council Vice-President  
Mrs. Joan Eshelman, Councilwoman  
Mr. James G. Simmons, Councilman  
Mr. Cary G. Whitman, Councilman

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Warren Lubenow, Borough Mayor  
Ms. Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager  
Mrs. Susan Eggert, Borough Secretary  
Mr. Anthony Garipoli Sr, Chief of Police Central Berks  
Mr. Joshua Nowotarski, Police Commission Central Berks

**ABSENT:**

Rev. D. Michael Bennethum, Councilman  
Dr. Ronald Ivison, Councilman

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council was called to order by Mr. Robert J. May, Council President, at 7:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the regular monthly Council meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 2009, were distributed to the members of Council for review. There were no corrections, additions, or clarifications to the minutes. **MOTION:** Mrs. Joan Eshelman made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. James Simmons; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At this time Council opted to go into executive session to discuss police contracting. The police chief and president of the Police Commission for Central Berks Regional Police also asked to make a formal presentation on the services they could provide to the Borough. **MOTION:** Mr. Cary Whitman made the motion to go into executive session to discuss police contracting and receive a formal presentation from Central Berks Regional Police with regard to the services they could offer to the Borough; seconded by Mr. David Eggert; all were in favor and the motion carried. Council came out of executive session at 8:46 PM.

**POLICE CONTRACT**

There was a lengthy discussion about the importance of making a decision on a police contract since all parties involved are working on their 2010 budget. The parties involved would be Exeter Township, Mt. Penn Borough, Lower Alsace Township, Central Berks Regional Police Commission, Exeter Township Police Department and Borough of St. Lawrence. The proposal from Exeter Township and Central Berks Regional Police were reviewed in detail. It was noted that Exeter Township Police proposal was \$100,000 more than the proposal from Central Berks Regional Police. The proposal from Central Berks was \$190,000. It was noted that the proposal from Central Berks Regional Police was a little bit open ended but is no different than what the Borough currently has with Exeter Township. After a short discussion it was decided to enter into a contractual agreement with Central Berks Regional Police contingent on some legal language and clarification of the following items. The length of the contract can only be three years and not seven years however it was noted that there could be four one year options and that each party could opt out of a year option with six months notice. Council would like to use the same language as used in the Exeter Police Contract with regard to extra costs involved if there was to be a major incident requiring lengthy investigations and court time. The Borough would liked clarified exactly what the overtime rate is and for what type of services this would apply. The Borough would like to take part in any grants that are received and is also willing to co-fund matching grants but does not want to commit to a percentage.

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It further was discussed that since Ms. London is the Solicitor for Lower Alsace Township who is part of the Police Commission for Central Berks that Ms. London may not be allowed to take part in the review of the contract on behalf of Lower Alsace Township and that the Borough would not be willing to waive this matter. **MOTION:** Mr. Whitman made a motion to enter into contractual agreement with The Central Berks Regional Police with the above language changes and clarifications; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried. **MOTION:** Mr. Eggert made the motion to not bind the Solicitor and not waive the conflict of contractual review with Lower Alsace with regard to the police contract with Central Berks Regional Police; seconded by Mrs. Eshelman; all were in favor and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Eshelman made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. James Simmons; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED/SUSAN D. EGGERT

Susan Eggert  
Borough Secretary