

A special meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors, representatives of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission and Stroud Area Police Department was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the JTL Intermediate School, East Stroudsburg PA. Roger DeLarco presiding.

A quorum of Board Members and Representatives from the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission, participating municipalities, approximately fifty members of the public, Scott Schaller, Robert F. Spano, Sr., Ron Clewell, Jennifer Ann Wise, Esq., and Michele Clewell were present.

Mr. DeLarco provided background information in the history of the Stroud Area Regional Police Department and also stated that the meeting tonight is the end result of over 200 hours put in to determine the feasibility of Middle Smithfield Township to join the SARP.

Captain Parrish began the presentation by stating that the Middle Smithfield Township Supervisors requested that a feasibility study be conducted by DCED. After receiving the study, it did not include a comprehensive financial analysis; with the authorization of the SARP Commission; Chief Baujan was authorized to work on a comprehensive analysis to determine the feasibility of Middle Smithfield Township joining SARP. The analysis completed by Chief Baujan was put into a separate report that has no internal or political boundaries, showing a cost savings for the current three member municipalities. He also stated that State and Federal agencies like regional approach to law enforcement compared to individual forces.

Captain Parrish stated that there will be a question and answer period after the complete presentation.

The implementation would occur over a four year time frame, with six officers staffed each year, for a total of twenty-four officers.

Chief Baujan stated that if Middle Smithfield Township joined in January 2009 the cost would be \$1,639,025; in 2010; \$1,848,331 and 2011; \$2,095,401 respectfully.

He stated that the cost sharing formula includes population, assessed value and calls for service. The proposed cost sharing formula would be Stroud Township 34%, East Stroudsburg 23%, Stroudsburg 18% and Middle Smithfield Township 25%.

Chief Baujan stated that the next step would be for each municipality to determine if they are interested in expanding the SARPD region to incorporate Middle Smithfield Township, if there is a desire, an expansion Task Force should be assembled to discuss implementation of new services and a Task Force of municipal Officials should be assembled to negotiate with PA State Police and develop a Modified Intergovernmental Agreement.

Following the presentation members SARPD and SARPC answered questions regarding the cost sharing formula and patrolling gated and non gated private communities.

A copy of the SARPD presentation is available for public review during normal business hours and will appear on the township website after approval of these minutes.

Mr. DeLarco thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business the meeting adjourned in regular order at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Clewell,  
Township Secretary