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**MINUTES OF THE STOP-DWI PLANNING BOARD**

May 12, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Angela Flesland  
Nick Johnson  
Christine Lopez

Lt. Frank LaMonica  
Ed Whitesell

Ernie Floegel  
Margaret Hirst

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Eric Bickmann  
Brad Kendall  
John Thomes

Matthew S. Vetare  
John Merwin  
Tony Marchese

Jim Warner  
Ann Rush  
Michael Hill

**Preliminary 2016 Budget Proposal**

W. Johnson discussed the 2016 Budget Cycle with the board. The 2016 Budget will be due to the Budget Office in mid-July. There will not be much deviation from the 2015 Approved Budget. The 2016 Budget will be developed so that program expenses will not exceed the projected fine revenue so as to maintain an acceptable dedicated fund balance. He referred the board to the monthly arrest spreadsheet and mentioned that there were 313 arrests in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015; which was comparable to arrests made in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of last year. He does not expect any spikes in revenue based on the current arrest figures. W. Johnson informed the board that there is no expected draw down to the fund balance in 2015 and we may even be able to add \$10,000 to \$30,000 at the end of the year. The fine revenue for 2014 was \$473,264 and was based on 1,360 arrests the previous year. The fine revenue for 2013 was \$449,238 and was based on 1,399 arrests in 2012. The projected revenue for 2015 should be between \$430,000 and \$450,000.

W. Johnson mentioned that preliminary payroll figures for 2016 reflect an increase in administrative costs for salaries and fringe in the \$6,500 to \$6,700 range due to the CSEA contract settlement. He asked the board if they wanted to enhance funding to any of the programs for 2016. He mentioned that the dedicated funding to the police agencies for saturation patrols is not going very far and suggested enhancing funding to that component. He also reminded the Board that funding to the educational component was drastically reduced in 2015. There will be no SADD conference in 2015 and there is no funding for high school educational programs. A. Flesland suggested putting \$3,000 back into the 2016 budget for educational programs. M. Hirst stated that it is important to get programs that will

actually change the negative behavior of kids and that we should shop around for an effective evidence based program to fund. W. Johnson mentioned other minor areas in the budget that have been reduced and need additional funding; mileage and auto center lines. He also suggested increasing funding for the Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon. Currently there is \$2,761 in the 2015 budget for the luncheon. 2016 is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the STOP-DWI Legislation and he suggested enhancing funding for a luncheon event, as well as, additional monies to pay for commercial printing/educational materials acknowledging the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Angela Flesland cautioned the board on enhancing funding. She stated that the STOP-DWI Program cannot afford to enhance too many programs. W. Johnson stated that any additional funding would be minimal and based on the projected fine revenue to maintain the fund balance and program sustainability. He then inquired of E. Whitesell the status of instituting policy to increase levied fines for those cases offered/convicted of reduced charges. E. Whitesell said it has been discussed and the issue is getting judges on board to agree to increase fines for reductions.

The board discussed the suggested funding enhancements and A. Flesland made a motion to enhance Law Enforcement Patrols by \$10,000, administrative costs by \$7,000, mileage and auto center by \$800. N. Johnson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The board will table the increase to the education component until an effective program is found.

W. Johnson asked C. Lopez if the State Police would be available to participate in a day-time multi-agency checkpoint as part of the County's participation in the Memorial Day Crackdown period. She said she would check and let him know. W. Johnson said he already checked with a few agencies and they did not have the manpower available.

The board discussed having a press conference for the kick-off of the summer crackdown periods. The suggestion was made to have the press conference directly after the RID ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup> around 1:00 p.m. W. Johnson will contact the County Executive's Office to see if he will be available. A. Flesland suggested inviting all of the agencies and having W. Johnson and W. Grady speak as well as the County Executive.

N. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2015 Board Meeting. All were in favor.

The next scheduled STOP-DWI Planning Board meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary K. Fields - STOP-DWI