

## Shared Police Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 5/9 10:00am – 12:00p

**Attendees: Trotter, Miller, Lilienthal, Lahnston, Metro**

Our discussions were geared towards drilling down on the statutory language of a “Joint Meeting” as a possible framework for providing a Shared / Contract Police Service Option in the event municipal consolidation does not occur. The Commission is still very high on the idea of a single police department serving the entire community – the “catch” is how to get there from here. Rather than have one municipality go out of the business and contract with the other, they prefer an “all for one, one for all” marriage of equals.

Anton would like us to take the approach of “vetting” our desired design for potentially creating the Princeton Public Safety Authority first, before Wednesday, which would look like the following:

- The Authority would be comprised of a total of five people as follows:
  - Two elected mayors
  - Two citizens (one could be the Director of Emergency Management)
  - One Administrator (initially it would be the Township Administrator, then possibly rotate every 2yrs)
- Chairman of the Authority would be an Administrator, and the Chief of Police would report only to this position. (consistent with the Chief’s reporting relationship today)
- There is a potential desire to include Emergency Management (Fire & Princeton First Aid and Rescue) under the reporting auspices of the Authority.

However, several questions arose during the subcommittee discussions that need further clarification from DCA. The questions were:

- Would the Authority require a separate set of books, accounts, and support staff? This is a bit different than the “Banked” approach today.
- What is meant by the “management committee” in NJSA 40:48B-2.1(a.7)? Does this apply or can it be the same as the Authority?
- Can the full extent of the Authority’s powers be limited and defined to be the way the Princeton’s want them to be through the Contract? - Which would most likely be a subset of the itemized statutory guidelines but not so extensive.
- Can this essentially be that same as the Recreation Board?

Anton would like us to present the “Contract Option” on Wednesday evening, but there is reluctance from other subcommittee members since we don’t have a solid understanding of what we are creating and where we eventually want to see the PSSA evolve into if other than police.

Bernie, Mildred, and Ryan can’t support the “Contract Option” at this time. The statutory description for a Joint Meeting reads like we could be creating a very powerful, new government entity.

Bill will discuss today’s meeting results with Joe Stefko and ask Joe to work with DCA to provide clarification to the Joint Meeting statute and generate answers to our questions.