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Hi,

I have some questions that i would like addressed regarding the constables in Killingly.

When i attended the meetings, it was always presented as a cost savings. The cost of resident troopers changed, and it was presented as a two for one deal. We could hire retired LEOs at a lower rate to serve our community as constables under the jurisdiction of CSP Troop D. We then would be able to preserve the services to our town that the troop currently provides, and would gain 2 constables for every one resident trooper. Due to the inability to hire all 10 at once there was a 5 year phase in period with 2 constables hired per year. This plan was presented by the sitting council and the committee was represented by Tammy Wakefield.

Each time the question was asked if this was going to become a muni department it was a resounding NO. Multiple articles and interviews with our town manager now state that it was always the plan to move to a muni department of our own. That is not true.

Given that now some one has determined that this should become a muni department and that purchasing this property is the next step in becoming a muni department, please provide to me personally and to the community answers to the following questions

- 1, Where is the crime data that indicates an increase in crime in our community?
2. What types of crimes have been evaluated?
3. Where are the economic and feasibility studies to evaluate the ability of our tax base to handle a \$3,000,000 plus increase per anum to cover basic salaries, maintenance and equipment? Please provide.
4. When was this added to the budget as a line item to purchase the current proposed facility?
5. Who made the decision to change this from a constable with State Police oversight to a muni department? When was this decided? Why wasn't it put to a vote?
6. What is the offset to handle the huge increase in taxes we will be facing between the increase in education budget (long overdue) and the increases caused by becoming our own muni department?
- 7 What are the estimated costs of a land, a new building equipt to have holding cells, security, an armory, a garage, an impound lot, communications, and all the other required additons that our own facility would require?
8. What is the cost to taxpayers of the loss of services (patrols, calls, investigations, etc.) that are currently provided by the state police when the no longer have jurisdiction due to baliwick issues?
9. What is the estimated cost of insurance to the town for liahility insurance?
10. Who will cover the \$25,000 personal liability that LEOs have based on current legislation, and how will we be able to compete with CSP in attracting officers when we are estimating costs that reflect a much lower salary and benefits?

I look forward to hearing and receiving your responses to these questions.

Regards,