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Greetings!

Dear Residents,

As most of you are aware, Schwenksville Borough recently participated in a multi-municipal study to explore the feasibility of forming a Regional Police Department to service Schwenksville Borough and neighboring townships of Perkiomen, Lower Frederick and Upper Frederick. There was no financial cost to participate in this study and no commitment to moving forward with the recommendations contained in the study. At no time did Borough Council vote on moving forward with any of the recommendations.

The purpose of the study was to gather information and data and to pro-actively seek out alternatives to consider should Pennsylvania adopt legislation that will implement per capita fees charged to municipalities who utilize the Pennsylvania State Police. That legislation which promoted the Borough to participate in this study was not voted out of committee; and while it may be re-introduced, it is unknown when or if this will happen.

Borough Council sought public opinion and input by co-hosting or hosting public meetings and by sharing the study via newsletters and website. Not satisfied that the turn out to these meetings was representative of the Borough, Borough Council decided to conduct a non-scientific citizen survey on the subject of Police Services. The deadline for completing and submitting the survey was October 31st.

The purpose of this e-news is to share the results with you. Thank you for participating in this dialogue with Borough officials.

- The Borough received 88 responses, one of which was not included because it was incomplete. Eight-five percent of those who responded indicated that they are property owners; 10 percent were tenants and 5% were business owners.

- 80% of the respondents are satisfied with the Pennsylvania State Police Services and Coverage provided to Schwenksville Borough.
- 64% oppose participating in the formation of a Regional Police Department; 21% said it depends on the cost and 15% said the Borough should participate in forming a Regional Police Department.
- 70% oppose purchasing Police Services from Lower Frederick Township; 10% favor it; and 16% said it depends on cost.
- 74% of respondents would not support any tax increase for Police Services; 18% would support a 1-2 mill increase and 8% would support a 3-4 mill increase.
- If Pennsylvania starts charging for State Police Services, 44% support choosing whichever option is the least expensive; 31% support continuing with State Police Services; 16% support forming a regional police department; and 9% support purchasing police services from Lower Frederick Township.

The results of the survey in report form is available for public review at www.schwenksville-pa.org .

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