

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-40

A RESOLUTION OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF HANDGUNS FOR UTILIZATION BY THE RADNOR TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Radnor Township Police Department requires handguns to be utilized in its normal operations in protecting the health, safety and welfare of its residents, and to be issued as each officer's duty service weapon; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department currently employs two handguns: the Beretta Model 96D and the smaller .380 Caliber Beretta Model 84/85F; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department's current handguns were purchased in 1997 and will soon require significant maintenance and parts replacement to keep them serviceable; and

WHEREAS, the Sig-Sauer P250 has several unique design features that make it a more cost efficient and tactically sound weapon for the Radnor Township Police Department than the Department's current set of handguns, including a larger clip, smaller size (thus eliminating the need to purchase a second, smaller handgun), and modular design which limits the number of internal moving parts; and

WHEREAS, the trade-in value of the Police Department's current handguns will decrease over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, Firing Line is the sole authorized/licensed vendor for law enforcement sales of the Sig-Sauer P250 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

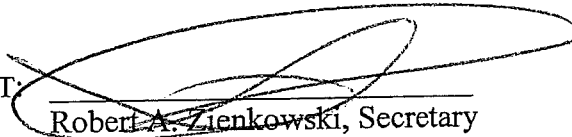
NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby *RESOLVED* that the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of fifty-three new Sig-Sauer P250 handguns and the corresponding trading-in of sixty-one Beretta handguns with Firing Line of 1532 Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147, as follows:

53 Sig-Sauer P250 Handguns (\$353.00/weapon)	\$18,709.00	[purchase]
53 Beretta 96D Handguns (\$165.00/weapon)	(\$8,745.00)	[trade-in]
8 Beretta 84/85F Handguns (\$270.00/weapon)	(\$2,160.00)	[trade-in]
TOTAL COST OF PURCHASE	\$7,804.00	

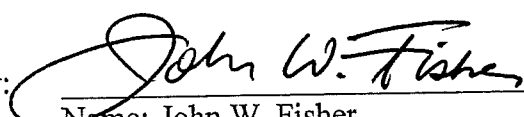
SO RESOLVED this 28th day of March, A.D., 2011.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:


Robert A. Zienkowski, Secretary

By:


Name: John W. Fisher
Title: President

Radnor Township
PROPOSED LEGISLATION

DATE: 3/24/11

TO: Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager

FROM: Superintendent William A. Calarulo

LEGISLATION: Resolution 2011-40 Replacement of Police Department Handguns

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: The Radnor Township Police Department recently completed an evaluation for the replacement of the semi-automatic 40-caliber Beretta Model 96D handguns that our police officers currently use as their duty service weapon. Our current handguns were purchased in 1997 and will be reaching the age when significant maintenance and replacement of parts must occur to keep these handguns serviceable.

The existing handgun that all Radnor Police Officers are issued and are qualified to use is the 40 caliber Beretta Model 96-D, capable of carrying 12 rounds of ammunition when fully loaded. These handguns were purchased in 1997 and are reaching the age when significant maintenance and replacement of parts must occur to keep these handguns serviceable. In addition to the Beretta 96-D, staff members and investigators are also issued a .380 Caliber Beretta Modal 84/85F which is a smaller more compact firearm that is used when officers need to conceal their firearm during certain types of investigations and to qualify assignments. With the current policy and training platforms all Radnor Police Officers are required a minimum of twice (2) a year with their assigned handguns.

PURPOSE AND EXPLANATION: The Sig-Sauer P250 has several unique design features that make this weapon most desirable and the most cost efficient weapon for our police officers. The elements of this unique design are a mid-sized, semi-compact polymer framed handgun with a total capacity of 14 rounds when it is fully loaded. This makes this handgun compatible for uniformed and plain clothes officers as well as detectives and staff utilizing a single platform for training, ammunition and compatibility. With the purchase of this handgun it eliminates the need to purchase an additional, more compact handgun for staff and investigators which is the current practice. Another singular feature is the increase in the amount of ammunition an officer can carry while engaged in their official duties.

This recommended handgun will also eliminate the need to purchase two calibers of ammunition, which will further decrease the expense of additional separate ammunition purchases for the current smaller Beretta 84/85F.

Another feature of this weapon is the unique modular design, which limits the number of internal moving parts in the handgun. This patented design reduces the number of internal parts in the handgun that can wear and fail over the lifetime of the service weapon unlike our current handgun and other handguns in the current market place. The weapon is also unique in that it operates in a simplistic manner not requiring significant manipulation of the weapon by our officers.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE: Purchase of the handguns would take place within 30 days if the Board of Commissioners so approves.

FISCAL IMPACT: Purchase of the Sig-Sauer P250 will result in the following savings to our stakeholders over the life of the weapon by:

- Reducing the amount and type of ammunition that is purchased for handgun training and qualifications.
- Reducing the amount of handguns that are required to be purchase to complete our mission.
- Reducing the qualification training time as a result of having one handgun for all officers as opposed to the current policy of a second handgun for staff and investigations.
- The service of life of the Sig-Sauer P-250 is rated for “the generational career officers” due to the unique design and less moving parts. This equates to less maintenance and service issues thereby providing a longer service life.
- The monetary “trade-in value” of the Baretta 96-D and Beretta 84-85F will continue to decrease the next several years thereby creating a higher price for the purchase of new handguns.

Sig-Sauer is the sole source provider for this recommended sidearm and has one authorized/licensed vendor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for law enforcement sales, which is Firing Line located at 1532 Front Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147.

The cost for the purchase of the handguns is as follows:

Sig-Sauer P250 Handguns:	\$353 per weapon x 53 =	\$18,709.00
Beretta 96D Trade-In	\$165 per weapon x 53 =	\$ 8,745.00
Beretta 84/85F Trade-In	\$270 per weapon x 8 =	<u>\$ 2,160.00</u>
Total Cost		\$ 7,804.00

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I recommend the approval of Resolution 2011-40 to replace our current Baretta handgun with 53 semi-automatic 40-caliber Sig-Sauer P250 handguns at an expense of \$7,804.00.

MOVEMENT OF LEGISLATION: Introduction at the March 28, 2011 Board of Commissioners Meeting.