

# **TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**

## ***Police Committee***

### **Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Police Community Relations Consultant Services Report

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**I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:** Receive the report by Major Ben Consulting Inc. on Police Community Relations.

**II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** The Board has an established practice of formally receiving reports prepared by committees and consultants.

**III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):** The Board has a practice of formally receiving reports prepared by advisory committees and consultants.

**III. Other Relevant Background Information:** An RFP for consultant services to assist the Township with recommendations for improving and building on police community relations was issued in April 2016. Five consultant proposals were received. In September 2016, the RFP Review Committee made a recommendation that the Board of Commissioners award the contract to Major Ben Consulting Inc. for a contract price of \$37,666. The Board of Commissioners awarded the contract to Major Ben Consulting Inc. and over the intervening months the consultant has completed the tasks delineated in the RFP and has submitted his final report to the Board of Commissioners outlining his finding and recommendations.

Following presentation of the report the Board of Commissioners, management staff, and the Police Department will consider and discuss the recommendations at future Police Committee Meetings for possible implementation.

**IV. Impact On Township Finances:** There is no financial impact to receive the report.

**V. Staff Recommendation:** The recommendation is to receive the report.