

**Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
May 3, 2017**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Robert Herzberger, Roy Burkins, Pete Schnabel, John Trout, Buck Buchanan, Doug Young, Jeff Blum, Jeff Halapin attended in the audience as the meeting commenced.
Solicitor: Peter Ruth
Police Chief: James Boddington
Alternate Members Present: John-Paul Whitmore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trout at 19:00 with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for fallen police officers, firefighters, and EMT's who lost their lives in the line of duty.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Trout reminded all members that their statements of financial interest are past due.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES

- A motion was made by Commissioner Blum, seconded by Commissioner Halapin, to approve minutes of the previous meeting. That motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MARCH 2017 EXPENDITURES

- Expenses for March 2017 were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Blum, seconded by Commissioner Herzberger, to approve expenditures for check numbers 10389 through 10426 in the amount of \$153,045.11. Motion carries.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Sgt. Smuck has prepared a much more complete set of reports than had been previously available. From now on, the report details including UCR will be emailed and posted. The normal report summaries will continue to be printed for subsequent meetings. There was some discussion regarding report content.
- Chief Boddington reported that Officers Bishop and Lawrence have finished their probation and training, have been evaluated by their Sergeants, and are performing in outstanding manner. A motion was made by Commissioner Blum, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to take these officers off of probation status. Motion carries.
- Officer Smith observed a person breaking into vehicles on Sunset Drive in Shrewsbury Borough during very early morning hours. A foot pursuit ensued leading to an arrest. Lots of stolen property found, as this person had been breaking into vehicles. Subject is currently in jail.
- Shrewsbury Borough on 4/22, officers responded to a cardiac arrest. Family had started CPR, Officers Lawrence and Hanson took over CPR upon arrival, and CPR teamwork continued with Shrewsbury Fire Company responders and Rose Ambulance medics, resulting in a saved life. Feedback was received from York Hospital indicated that the teamwork resulted in success.

- Traffic accident hit and run near Carpets by Martin in Shrewsbury Borough resulting in a young person being injured. Smith Bros. cameras assisted with obtaining the plate resulting in an arrest.
- Heroin overdose death in Glen Rock near the end of March continues under investigation.
- Stolen truck from Shrewsbury Borough along with tools, perpetrator took the truck to Baltimore, pawn the tools, etc.
- Wetzel's Market reported that cardboard being stored in large compressed bales for recycle had been stolen. A ring of thieves had been stealing similar recyclables from other stores. The truck was traced to Westminster, MD. resulting in an arrest. Investigation continues and additional charges will result.
- Mason Dixon Baptist Church had a break-in. The perpetrator was a juvenile who had drug paraphernalia with him and had decided to sleep it off in the church, where he was discovered the next morning by church staff. The 17 year old male had fled, and an area search resulted in an arrested and he is in Juvenile Detention.
- Skimming investigation – Officer Storeman's investigation is ongoing. Rep. Kristen Phillips-Hill is offering legislation to make it easier for police departments to arrest these criminals. The Rutter's M&T ATM's have had matching face skins with the skimmers and cameras that capture the card info and the PIN. Skimmers have also been found on gas pumps.

INSURANCE & PENSION

- Auditors have been working with Gail. Commissioner Buchanan recommends that the Commission continue with the same auditing firm.

PERSONNEL

- No report.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- No report

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES - FINANCE & BUDGET

- Chief Boddington has been reviewing accounts receivable and payable. Expenses for health care take the results slightly negative. Wages and salaries are slightly higher due to holiday pay. Not having the part time administrator on staff has resulted in less impact on the total budget by these overages.
- Reports showed one vehicle requiring expenses to pass inspection reporting over budget due to high costs for the month. That should even out over the year.
- Operating supplies are up due to body armor. Grant has been applied for by Chief Boddington. Measurements have been taken and we await a quote from the vendor. Commissioner Buchanan questioned why we weren't reimbursed last year, and Chief Boddington responded that the grant hadn't been applied for last year.
- Additional expenses were incurred by bringing Chief Smeal back for additional consultation.
- Mandatory training will affect the results.
- Commissioner Herzberger inquired about the healthcare rebate receivables. He remarked that, if we don't receive that money it will affect our reserves.

CONTROL AND TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Document has been updated. Please see the document. The conflict resolution task has been removed. The change in auditor has been marked for January 2018.

- Status of the IGA will be covered during the Solicitor's report. These must be completed by June 30 pursuant to meeting New Freedom Borough's requirements having been met.
- Labor contract is on hold pending the results of the new IGA.
- Withdrawal Agreements will stand until the end of next year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- IGA's and sample ordinances have been sent to all Borough solicitors and councils.
- There has been some exchange already.
- May 30 deadline for New Freedom's requirements to be met remains. Recommend changes are not being agreed to by New Freedom.
- Stewartstown council requests clarification of how costs are developed.
- A discussion of how the costs are expected to be calculated, content of the IGA, and obligated PPU's continued.
- Comments were received from a citizen in the audience inquiring why May 31 is a deadline regardless best effort to resolve issues. Commissioner Halapin responded that their Borough was following New Freedom solicitor recommendations. The discussion continued.

OLD BUSINESS

- None, due to discussion recorded above.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Halapin, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, for adjournment. The motion passed.