

September 16, 2014
Budget Continuation Meeting

A continuation meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom PA 17349.

Those present: Chairman John Trout, Commissioner William Gemmill, Commissioner Peter Schnabel, Commissioner Jeff Halapin, Commissioner Richard Buchanan, Commissioner Brady Terrell, Commissioner Bonner Smith, Chief James Boddington, Alternates Nathan Kirschman and Roy Burkins. Commissioner Ann Merrick volunteered to take the minutes.

MEETING

Chairman John Trout called the continuation meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Trout announced an executive session, which began at 7:02 p.m., to discuss contract negotiations. The Commission meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m.

2015 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Commissioner Richard Buchanan presented the 2015 budget. He provided a version including hiring a new officer and a version without this new proposed hire. Chief Boddington recently attended Loganville Borough's Council Meeting; Loganville Borough is discussing continuing hourly services with Southern Regional, possibly purchasing hours from York Area Regional, and/or may decide to use State Police for all coverage. The Commission would like contracts for hourly services to expire on September 30 of each year, and require a decision for renewal or withdrawal of services by October 1 of each year.

Commissioner Richard Buchanan moved to authorize Administrative Asst. Pat Miller to transfer \$12825.00 from the Fuel Reserve Fund to the General Fund to cover current fuel overage costs in the 2014 budget, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Halapin. Motion carried.

The Commission discussed purchasing up to five tasers, with available funds at the end of 2014. The Commission will also consider using end of 2014 funds to purchase additional video cameras for vehicles.

Alternate Commissioner Roy Burkins presented a proposal to correct the mold issue and new renovations at the Stewartstown Borough office, which included replacing damaged ceiling tiles, removal and disposal of carpet, purchase and installation of new carpet, and completion of at least two air quality tests. The total estimated costs for this project are \$3800.00.

The Commission discussed the costs associated with hiring a new officer. Commissioner Peter Schnabel moved to hire one new police officer beginning in 2015, seconded by Commissioner Bonner Smith. Chairman John Trout, Commissioner William Gemmill, Commissioner Peter Schnabel, Commissioner Jeff Halapin, Commissioner Brady Terrell, Commissioner Bonner Smith, and Commissioner Ann Merrick voted in favor of hiring one new officer; Commissioner Richard Buchanan voted against hiring one new officer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman John Trout requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Peter Schnabel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Bonner Smith. Motion carried.