

Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
September 2, 2015

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Richard Buchanan, Roy Burkins, Kendall Connolly, William Gemmill, Ann Merrick, Peter Schnabel, Brady Terrell, John Trout. Jeff Halapin
Solicitor: Walter Tilley
Chief Boddington

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for all police officers, firefighters, and EMT's who were killed in the line of duty.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Gante, Stambaugh and Ness, reviewed the accounting assistance provided for the Southern Police Commission. Report with handed to members. Commission is grateful for all the work and assistance provided.
- Nate spoke about concerns after budget meeting in August regarding holding monies from the police department until they improve coverage at Southern School District. Our officers provide excellent service and deserve the best.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 10:00 p.m. the Commission went into session to discuss arbitration and personnel issues. At 10:31 p.m. they returned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the August 5th, 2015 minutes with corrections by Commissioner Halapin and second by Commissioner Merrick. Motion to approve the August 18th, 2015 minutes with correction by Commissioner Schnabel and second by Commissioner Merrick.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

- Commissioner Buchanan made a motion to approve July expenses totaling \$59982.75, (checks 9768-9794) seconded by Commission Halapin. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Letter of Resignation from Brett Fishel dated August 18, 2015. Brett has accepted a position with Springettsbury Township effective September 1, 2015.
- A thank you email from the Warner's after the attempted burglary at their home in Glen Rock. Very appreciative of the excellent work of our officers.
- A letter dated August 11, 2015 from New Freedom Borough regarding alternatives attending executive sessions. On March 17th, 2015, Chairman Trout, based on advice from counsel did not allow an alternative to attend executive session, but on July 15, 2015 meeting and alternative was allowed to attend. After a lengthy discussion, commission determined that alternative may attend executive session in order to keep them informed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- New Officer, Bill Hansen has preliminary approval, will be sworn in by commission at the September or October meeting.

- Brett Fishel , conduct an exit interview by the personnel committee (could do by phone)
- Stewartstown/Winterstown--Suicide
- Glen Rock – Flatbed truck stopped, overweight and driver had suspended license and outstanding warrants.
- Shrewsbury—stopped pickup truck, woman gets out of car, male suspect takes off, Officer Carey pursued, suspect is driving erratic, Officer Carey stopped chase and state police arrested.
- Stewartstown—bank robbery
- New Freedom—People’s Bank, two suspects arrested attempting to pass a bad check
- Rutter’s Gas Cards are working and Gail is pleased with the on-line services
- Chief currently attending Leadership Training August 31 to September 4.
- 100 Woman March regarding illegal immigration will be happening, York City Police, State Police, Springettsbury and Spring Garden, and Southern Regional will be assisting,
- Hopewell—Black Lives Mater, State Police will be assisting with Citizen Police Academy in Delta, Chief Boddington to speak. (September 15th, 2015)
- Lengthy discussion on Southern School District and patrolling time. The \$60,000 budget money is the amount the school district budgets per Southern School District. They are very happy with our services. Over the past seven years, in 2014 billed the district \$60, 139. The other years were below the \$60,000. Commissioner Trout will contact school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Insurance/Pension

- Pension - Officer Hilliard has been transferred
- Liability – Commissioner Buchanan has received estimate

Personnel/Civil Service

- Resignation of Brett Fishel
- Interviews to be set for Office Clerk position, personnel committee will review applications.

Facilities/Equipment

- Carpet will be replaced at a cost of \$1300 by Dennis Harper. Commissioner Burkins will contact.
- Front sign is complete

Finance and Budget

- Balance of \$599273.67
- Accounts Receivable—111,000
- Overtime continues to be an issue \$96,000 over budget (record high)
- Continue to be diligent in utilizing time and a budget for schools
- Vehicle Maintenance---\$10,000 over budget
- Health Rebate
- Capital Equipment—discussion to continue
- Workman’s Compensation--\$12744 over budget
- Glen Rock 1.4% down, New Freedom 2.35% up, Shrewsbury 1.5% up and Stewartstown 2.45% down.
- Payroll---3 percent increase for 2016.
- Vehicle/Fuel – Vehicles should use gas per manufacture of vehicle
- Ammunition---Chief to review
- Accounting Services- \$36,000 for Gail. Gail to reviewing Payroll Services
- Legal Fee—Peter Ruth
- IT Service—Third Element need to get price for 2016. Chief to contact
- Advertising/Printing
- Vehicle Maintenance—Drop two high maintenance vehicles.
- Workman’s Compensation up 8 percent
- Liability

- Vest—after discussion, outdated vests will no longer be given away; they will be destroyed or used by our officers (the double vests in situations). Motion by Commissioner Gemmill and Second by Commissioner Merrick. Motion passed.
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ISSUE CONTROL AND TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Commissioner Schnabel will continue to update

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Lengthy discussion regarding the possibility of Glen Rock Borough withdrawing from police commission in 2017. Meeting to be held at Fire Hall on September 28th. Currently options for Glen Rock are to continue with Southern Regional, to withdraw and purchase services/hours through Southern Regional or another department (SouthWestern) or go with State Police coverage.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Halapin and seconded by Commissioner Merrick to have September 15th, 2015 and to recess the meeting at 10:35 p.m.