



Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2015

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Richard Buchanan, Roy Burkins, Kendall Connolly, Ann Merrick, Peter Schnabel, Brady Terrell, John Trout, Robert Herzberger
Solicitor: Peter Ruth
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

- A resident was concerned regarding skimmers being used at ATM's, (report on a local TV station). Chief Boddington stated here has not been an issue at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Received notice of withdrawal from the Southern Regional Police Department by Glen Rock Borough effective 12/31/2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the September 2nd and 15th, 2015 minutes and the addendum to the August 18 budget meeting with corrections by Commissioner Terrell and second by Commissioner Connolly

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

- Commissioner Buchanan made a motion to approve September expenses totaling \$250,632.00, (checks 9795-9838) seconded by Commission Terrell. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Introduction of William Hanson, new officer.
- Monthly Report includes numbers through September 2015. Commissioner Merrick questioned why Glen Rock hours increased the past three months, to almost 200 hours. January through June the average was 150 hours. Chief Boddington stated that the have received more complaints from residents regarding truck traffic on Church Street. Officers periodically check cars, houses and garages to see if they are locked, "proactive community policing", they will leave cards stating they were there.
- Investigating burglary at Fireworks Odyssey, a large amount of fireworks were taken, this will be reported to Homeland Security (bombs can be built using fireworks material).
- No major issues in Shrewsbury, Stewartstown or New Freedom.
- Rutter Gas Cards are working well.
- Officers participated in the Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Training

- Glen Rock Resident / Council Person Victoria Ribeiro addressed Chief Boddington regarding community policing and if the department was spread too thin. Response from Chief was that we have enough officers, but it is a balancing act to supply patrol coverage and call response, without needlessly running up the time and bill.
- A discussion on Glen Rock's disruptive ordinance. Chief stated that the first form was five pages and he had concerns with legality issues and forwarded to the solicitor. Solicitor Ruth stated that he contacted Glen Rock's solicitor and after discussions the form that is currently being used is ½ page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Insurance/Pension—Nothing to report

Personnel/Civil Service

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

Facilities/Equipment

- Commissioner Burkins stated that Dennis Harper has been very busy and has been difficult to reach. Mr. Harper stated if the commissioners were in a hurry, to contact the next bidder.

Finance and Budget

- The money from the 2014 unexpended fund has been returned to the municipalities.
- Commissioner Buchanan reviewed the budget. Expenditures are currently 7.2 percent over budget.
- There was a discussion held on how population is calculated. That information is obtained from the school districts.
- Third Element, (IT) various upgrades are being made to the server. A rack was obtained as a donation from York County Department of Emergency Services to allow expanded mounting room for the servers and network equipment.
- Capital Investments—3 new vests are included in the 2016 budget
- \$22,740 is included in the 2016 budget to purchase cameras for the patrol cars.
- Salaries—anticipating a 3 percent increase...still in arbitration
- Payce—will start doing payroll with Gail's assistance to end of year. Cost: \$1894.00
- Auditor—have not received the bill. Possibility of searching for a new company in 2016.
- Liability insurance—will not have cost until December. Commissioner Buchanan will check if our premium will be lower with the cameras.
- Benecon (Health Insurance) increase of 7%. There is a possibility of a health rebate, but this is not a guarantee. (\$72,000)

Commissioner Buchanan presented two options for the 2016 budget.

1. A six percent increase or
2. A 3.3 percent increase, with no new vehicle or camera purchase and the possibility of using the health rebates to purchase these items. There are no guarantees that we would receive a rebate, most likely would not know how much until April/May 2016.

Contributions for the 2016 budget year for each municipality

Municipality	Amount	Increase %
New Freedom	\$545,955	14.38%
Glen Rock	\$235,294	9.5%
Shrewsbury	\$520,519	14.28%
Stewartstown	\$419,344	6.71%

A motion to approve the semi-final 2016 budget with a six percent increase was made by Commissioner Schnabel and seconded by Commissioner Hershberger. Motion passed. Commissioner Merrick opposed.

ISSUE CONTROL AND TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Commissioner Schnabel will continue to update

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Right-to-Know regarding uncashed checks, working with Gail.
- Right-to-Know regarding cameras (Car and Body), is currently on a case by case basis and for criminal investigations only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 9:10 p.m. the Commission went into session to discuss arbitration and personnel issues. At 9:25 p.m. they returned.

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OLD BUSINESS

- None

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NEW BUSINESS

- none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Schnabel to adjourn the October 7, 2015 meeting at 9:35 p.m.