

**Southern Police Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**July 19, 2016**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Roy Burkins, Jeff Blum, John Trout, Bruce Merrill, Buck Buchanan, Adam Rettig, Peter Schnabel, Robert Herzberger, Chief Boddington

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Commission member absent: Jeff Halapin

Alternate member present: Nate Kirschman

**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 COMMENTS**

Marie Halapin reminded the Commissioners that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug 2; 6-9 PM. She encouraged attendance and requested that municipalities provide an ambulance and fire truck from their fire departments, to be displayed for the evening.

**CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Trout shared the following letters from:

- *Junior Achievement* – thanking Officer Carey for his involvement in this important program.
- *Shrewsbury Fire Company* – Facebook post praising SRPD for their response to a recent dog rescue.
- *New Freedom Borough* – notification of a public meeting being held on August 8 at 6:30 PM, to discuss the current agreement with Southern Regional Police Department.
- *Stewartstown Borough* – informing SRPD of their endorsement of the plan (formula) which charges municipalities for services based on police hours only.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- June minutes require an amendment to Robert Herzberger's request. That request should reflect a detail of how random patrol hours are delegated. Motion to approve: Roy Burkins; Second Buck Buchanan.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL of JUNE 2016 EXPENDITURES**

- Monthly expenditures for June 2016 totaled \$138,554.42. Motion to approve: Buck Buchanan; Second: Robert Herzberger.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

- Calls for service numbers are a bit down due to specific requests from Glen Rock and Stewartstown.
- Coverage of the local carnivals has gone smoothly.
- Mandatory state school incident reports are completed for Southeastern and Southern York County School Districts, and Winterstown Elementary.
- The DEA eShare account is up-to-date, making us eligible to receive pending funds.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Personnel*

- Peter Schnabel stated that Chief's review is on hold until the results of the August 8 New Freedom meeting are made available. Jeff Blum disagreed and felt it unfair that goals and a review have not been completed to date. John Trout asked the personnel committee to meet and come to a consensus on this issue.
- Peter Schnabel provided a state manual - ***Regional Police Services in Pennsylvania*** - to each Commission member. He asked them to share it with their constituents in respective municipalities.

### *Facilities & Equipment*

- Nate Kirschman reported that Senate Bill 559 is now in appropriations and encouraged us to get involved to express support for this bill.
- Nate Kirschman recommended that a new police vehicle be purchased for the department.
  - One vehicle is due for inspection; estimated costs for repairs are \$3000-\$3700. The trade-in value on this same car is \$2000.
  - Pick-up truck not certified for pursuit; trade-in value for the truck is \$14,000.
  - The two vehicles being considered for purchase are
    - Ford Explorer – all-wheel drive; not 4WD, low clearance, and a fair to poor performance rating.
    - Chevy Tahoe –pursuit rated, true 4WD, greater ground clearance, more room inside, and an excellent performance rating.
- The Dodge Charger will be taken off the road until the next Commission meeting and a decision is made on a new vehicle.
- John Trout requested a recommendation for a new vehicle to be prepared and available at the August 3 Commission meeting, as well as the most accurate data from the finance committee.
- A decision to be made at the next Commission meeting: Which vehicle to purchase with health care rebate funds, after trading in the two referenced vehicles above. Motion to approve: Buck Buchanan; Second: Roy Burkins. Opposed: Bruce Merrill.
- Bruce Merrill requests an assessment of the entire fleet for next month's meeting.

### *Review of Expenditures*

- The reserve account balance = \$194,000.
- We are 1.39% over in revenue; expenditures at 90.73% of budget (this figure appears low due to the health care rebate of \$78,326.00).
- Uniforms maintenance & repair costs are high (\$5,731.77 actual vs. \$935.00 budget) – why is this?
- Robert Herzberger suggests reducing current expenses to put toward a new vehicle; specifically OT hours.
- The next anticipated health care rebate – approximately \$20,000 - is expected in September.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9:55 PM – John Trout: motion to invite Nate Kirschman to Executive Session.
- 10:25 PM – Executive session adjourned.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion re: the second part of the Stewartstown Borough letter, which states that a disproportionate amount of police hours over the last two years resulted in an overpayment to SRPD by the Borough. A response letter will be sent to Stewartstown addressing their concerns.
- Buck Buchanan reported that Shrewsbury Borough voted to compose a newsletter summarizing their position on how SRPD hours should be tabulated and paid. This will be mailed to all residents in the Borough.

### ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by Buck Buchanan, with a second by Pete Schnabel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 PM. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gina Mumaw*  
**Administrative Clerk**