

**Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
August 3, 2016**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Roy Burkins, Jeff Blum (late arrival) Jeff Halapin, John Trout, Bruce Merrill, Buck Buchanan, Peter Schnabel, Kenton Kurtz, Chief Boddington

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Commission member absent: Adam Rettig

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.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kenton Kurtz, a new alternate representing Stewartstown, attended tonight's meeting. He was sworn in by John Trout.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve: Buck Buchanan, pending change to sentence under the Personnel Committee Report referring to the State Manual; Second: Roy Burkins. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 2016 EXPENDITURES

- Monthly expenditures for July totaled \$176, 124.60 utilizing checks 10127-10142. Motion to approve: Buck Buchanan; Second: Jeff Halapin. Motion carried.
- Buck Buchanan referred to prepared documents which chart 2016 expenses in graph format. This chart more accurately details expenditures without the health care rebate distorting these figures.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- National Night Out was a huge success. Thank you to Marie Halapin and Bill Hanson who spearheaded the effort. Thanks to many others who gave of their time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Insurance/Pension

- Benecon proposed a change of our Life, S.T. Disability, and L.T. Disability Insurance carrier from Guardian to One America due to a September 4.5% rate increase announced by Guardian. A three year rate guarantee will yield an annual savings of \$1022.47. Buck Buchanan made a motion recommending the switch from Guardian to One America, effective September 1; second: Peter Schnabel. Motion carried.

Facilities & Equipment

- Nate Kirschman prepared a power point presentation which detailed a Police Pursuit Vehicle (PPV) option. Nick Patarra, a representative from Whitmore Auto Group, was also present. Included in this presentation:
 - A detailed analysis of the current fleet of vehicles owned by the department.

- What differentiates a police pursuit vehicle from a consumer vehicle?
- The difference between the Ford police interceptor utility vehicle and the Tahoe police pursuit vehicle.
- Detail of outfitting costs.
- Price comparisons.
- A question and answer discussion ensued after the presentation.
- The Tahoe was available in the parking lot for a first-hand look.
- Peter Schnabel made a motion to purchase the Chevy Tahoe PPV using the car (4278) and truck (4276) trade-ins toward the purchase; Second: Roy Burkins. Opposed: Jeff Halapin. Motion carried.

Review of Expenditures

- Total funds available: \$590, 012.89; Total income is 100.4% of budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 8:45 PM – John Trout: motion to invite alternate Nate Kirschman to Executive Session; Second: Jeff Halapin. Motion carried.
- 8:50 PM – Executive Session adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

- 9:00 PM – John Trout: motion to adjourn; second: Roy Burkins.