



**Southern Police Commission  
Monthly Meeting  
March 5, 2014**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom PA 17349

Those present: Commissioner William Gemmill, Commissioner Peter Schnabel, Commissioner Richard Buchanan, Commissioner Bonner Smith, Chief James Boddington and Solicitor Peter Ruth. Alternate Ann Merrick was sitting in for Chairman John Trout. Alternate Kendall Connolly sat in for Commissioner Brady Terrell.

Not present: Commissioner Rollin Apgar, Chairman John Trout, Commissioner Jeff Halapin and Commissioner Brady Terrell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Peter Schnabel called the meeting 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**

No comments.

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICER FISHEL**

District Magistrate John Fishel swore in his son, Officer Brett Fishel.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

Commissioner Peter Schnabel asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 meeting. After reviewing the minutes, Commissioner Bonner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Richard Buchanan. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2014**

Commissioner Richard Buchanan asked why there is a credit balance of \$5,000.00 under line item 410.206 Ammunition. Administrative Assistant Miller explained that this money is from the sale of the radio equipment and was put there in order for the officers to purchase the new guns.

After members reviewed the expenditures from February, Commissioner Bonner Smith made a motion to approve checks 9012 through 9056 with expenditures totaling \$132,151.42. Commissioner Kendall Connolly seconded that motion, motion carried.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Pete Schnabel stated that Chairman John Trout wanted him to remind everyone that the things discussed in an executive session should not be discussed outside of that session.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Boddington reported that this is the first report which includes Stewartstown, Winterstown and the South Eastern School District. He went on to report that during the month of January officers responded to 196 calls in Shrewsbury Borough, 115 in New Freedom Borough, 9 calls at the Southern York County School District, 75 calls in Glen Rock Borough, 10 calls in Railroad Borough, 13 calls in Loganville Borough, 165 calls in Stewartstown Borough, 19 Winterstown Borough, 8 calls in the South Eastern School District and 5 calls outside the department's jurisdiction.

Chief Boddington reported that during the month of January the following hours were spent in each jurisdiction: 369.80 - Shrewsbury Borough, 301.90 - New Freedom Borough, 50.53 - Southern York County School District, 171.42 - Glen Rock Borough, 7.13 – Railroad Borough, 19.87 - Loganville Borough, 312.85 - Stewartstown Borough, 52.20 – Winterstown Borough, 69.10 - South Eastern School District and 12.45 - outside jurisdiction. 1059.50 hours were entered as other time.

Chief Boddington reported that Detective Shafer is still working the death of the 17 year old female which occurred in New Freedom. There was also a house fire on Freedom Avenue today.

Commissioner Bonner Smith asked Commissioner Peter Schnabel about the status of the Radar Bill. Commissioner Peter Schnabel stated that it has good support in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Chief Boddington reported that some of the speeders are actually texting and not paying attention to the speedometer.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **INSURANCE/PENSION**

Solicitor Peter Ruth reported that Administrative Assistant Miller spoke with Anthony Pinto from PMRS regarding the status of the Stewartstown Pension. He informed her that the cost study has been completed and is waiting for a response from the Auditor General's office.

He went on to explain that this should not be an issue since none of the current Stewartstown Officers are eligible for retirement. He is going to contact Stewartstown Borough and the officers need to complete a form for transfer of funds. Administrative Assistant Miller distributed those forms to the officers. Solicitor Ruth spoke with Attorney Craig Sharnetzka solicitor for Stewartstown Borough regarding the issue with the retired Stewartstown

Officer. After discussing this issue they determined that Stewartstown Borough would be responsible for that officer and not the commission.

## **PERSONNEL**

Alternate Nathan Kirschman reported on the status of the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. After the Commission members reviewed the document he will make the suggested changes and present it at the next meeting. Some of the suggested changes were changing thirty days for a replacement to sixty days and to define the duties of the Civil Service Commission.

## **FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

Alternate Nathan Kirschman reported on the long term lease agreement with New Freedom Borough. He spoke with Tanya Crawford from the borough and she told him that they could not rent us any extra space. He also reported that if the long term lease is for the current space that the department has now, he would not recommend signing a long term lease because of the lack of space. He also looked at the Culligan building in Shrewsbury which is owned by Kinsley. They are willing to negotiate on the cost of rent but some remodeling must be done to this building. Commissioner Peter Schnabel asked Alternate Nathan Kirschman to give a full report at the next meeting when Commissioners Rollin Apgar, John Trout Jeff Halapin and Brady Terrell are present.

Alternates Nathan Kirschman and Roy Burkins are scheduled to meet with Chief Bean from Southwestern Regional Police Department regarding the GPS system they currently have. He will inform the Commission of his findings at the next meeting and also report what information York County Emergency Services is able to provide. He stated that it would be beneficial if the Chief send a letter to Eric Bistline from York County Emergency Services to obtain information regarding potential alternative vehicle position tracking and reporting solutions.

Commissioner William Gemmill reported that the South Eastern School District is renting the Chanceford Elementary School from the Red Lion School District for approximately 2 years while construction is being done on the 3 elementary schools. Once the construction starts this fall will the police department respond to calls only while that school is in session or will the state police? Solicitor Ruth will check into this.

## **REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES**

Commissioner Richard Buchanan reported that Police Supplies are high and everything else looks normal.

## **FINANCE AND BUDGET**

Nothing to report.

## **ISSUE CONTROL AND TRACKING DOCUMENT**

Substance Abuse Policy – get a price for drug testing

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Peter Ruth distributed copies of the Agreement with Shrewsbury Township regarding the cameras which he is going to forward to Shrewsbury Township for signatures. Once it is signed by Shrewsbury Township then Chairman John Trout will sign it and both parties will get an original.

Solicitor Ruth reported on the agreement with Winterstown Borough. They would like to enter into a 10 year agreement but after some discussion it was determined that the Commission would like a 5 year agreement. The Commission also would like a six month notice prior to the end of the year if they decide they no longer want police services. This agreement must be completed by June 2014. Based on the contract with Winterstown regarding the Winterstown Elementary School the police department would handle calls to the school and the borough would be responsible for the costs.

The South Eastern School District is meeting with representatives from Hopewell Township regarding the school building which is located in the township. Apparently there were issues with traffic control with the Stewartstown Police Department which they want to address. Chief Boddington will attend this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Boddington reported that after speaking with Detective Teague the officers are moving forward with joining the FOP.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Peter Schnabel asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bonner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Kendall Connolly. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted and recorded by

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