

Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
December 2, 2015

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Richard Buchanan, Roy Burkins, Jeff Halapin, Ann Merrick, Nate Kirschman, Brady Terrell, John Trout, Robert Herzberger, Chief Boddington

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Alternate members present: Ben Wetzel

Commissioner Peter Schnabel and Bill Gemmill were unable to attend due to illness

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

- No comments

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Alternate Commissioner Kirschman was appointed Secretary pro tem, who was also seated in place of Commissioner Schnabel.
- A review of the results of the arbitration and contract was discussed.
- An Executive Session is planned to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The November 4, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted with correction to one typo error of the times stated.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

- Commissioner Buchanan has reviewed the expenses and made a motion to approve November expenses totaling \$152,610.70, (including checks 9868-9904) seconded by Commission Halapin. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Boddington reported that Officer Storeman, who was injured as a result of making an arrest for criminal actions, is improving and anxious to get back on duty. He will be on limited duty until released by his physician.
- The suspects involved in the above mentioned criminal action have been arrested and are in custody in Maryland awaiting hearings.
- Chief Boddington expressed his gratitude to several Maryland police departments for their assistance in apprehending the suspects. Montgomery County and Gaithersburg, MD departments were most involved.
- There are numerous other criminal investigations underway.
- The new vehicle equipment will be installed during the second week in December, and placed in service shortly thereafter.
- Officer Farnsler has resigned for a position that suits his needs better at another department.

- Updated calls for service reports up to October 30, 2015 were submitted. Updated calls for service reports will be posted on the SRPD Web site when they become available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Insurance/Pension

- Commissioner Buchanan reported that Liability and Auto Insurance premiums will be higher than expected, estimated to be \$32,420.00.
- Commissioner Buchanan asked the Solicitor Peter Ruth to check on State reimbursement for medical care of Ofc. Storeman's injuries.

Personnel/Civil Service

- A performance review for Chief Boddington is being scheduled.
- Other personnel matters will be discussed during the Executive Session.

Facilities/Equipment

- Commissioner Burkins suggested that we dispose of the Ford 4-door 4WD pick-up truck as it's not suitable for patrol duty (not pursuit rated) and we estimate that its sale can return between \$13,000 and \$15,000 to the Department. No resolution was reached.
- Telephone system: Alternate Commissioner Kirschman reported that no work had proceeded on the telephone system. No written or anecdotal records could be found indicating the transfer of the telephone system as an asset to the SRPD. Commissioner Terrell, as president of the New Freedom Borough Council, stated that he would provide a letter to the Commission from the Borough making record of this asset transfer. Commissioner Halapin expressed concerns, from a technical perspective, regarding the risks associated with our accepting an aged asset that is a critical business tool shared by both the Borough and SRPD.

Finance and Budget

- Commissioner Buchanan presented a document with the subject of Excess Fund Policy and Procedures. Commissioners are to review this document and be prepared to discuss at the next regular Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Buchanan submitted a 2016 Budget Semi-Final, which had been reviewed and agreed to by the Budget Committee. Commissioner Buchannan moved that the Commission agree to submit this budget document for approval to the member Boroughs for their approval of the amounts and percentages of change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirschman. This vote passed 5 to 3.
- The Borough Council Presidents were unable to meet to review the cost formula per the Intergovernmental Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Burkins, seconded by Commissioner Kirschman, to form a committee of Commission members, with invitations to the member Borough Councils to engage their members or other interested persons of their choosing, that will function as a working group to create suitable cost formula ideas with alternatives for presentation and consideration by the Borough Council Presidents. The user of PPU's is also to be part of this work. That vote passed unanimously. The work of this committee/team must be completed by June 30, 2016.

ISSUE CONTROL AND TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Commissioner Kirschman update the document, clearing some items and placing others on the list. Commissioner Schnabel continues to own the document.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 20:58 the Chairman announced that the Commission would go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. A motion was solicited, seconded, and voted upon to invite the alternate commissioners present to the session. At 22:14 they returned.

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OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- none

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting will be continued on December 15, 2015 at 19:00 for continued budget and financial concerns discussion.