

Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
June 1, 2016

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, June 1, 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, Jeff Halapin, Buck Buchanan, Adam Rettig, Peter Schnabel, Robert Herzberger, Chief Boddington

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Alternate Members Present: Nate Kirschman, Bruce Merrill

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

Peter Schnabel introduced two residents from Shrewsbury, Diana Kraatz and John-Paul Whitmore. Ms. Kraatz serves on Shrewsbury Borough Council and Mr. Paul attends many of the Shrewsbury Council meetings. They are owners of The Village Coffee Shop located on North Main Street and recently generated \$200 in proceeds from a fund drive, and donated it to the department. We are grateful for the support!

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- John Trout shared a letter from Southeastern School District in which they gave formal notification they will not be renewing their SRO contract for the 2017 school year. The reason stated for this decision is the increase costs for services.
- New Police Commission member Adam Rettig was introduced and sworn in. Adam represents Glen Rock Borough as a resident since 2005; he currently serves as a member of the Glen Rock Borough Council. Welcome Adam!

REVIEW of MINUTES

- Motion to approve May minutes: Buck Buchanan; Second Roy Burkins.

REVIEW & APPROVAL of MAY 2016 EXPENDITURES

- Approval of expenditures and checks utilized pending complete May financial report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Ticket and citation numbers are higher for Shrewsbury and Glen Rock due to requested enforcement for April into May.
- Jeff Blum of New Freedom is requesting extra enforcement during rush hour, with the end of school year here for Southeastern School District.
- Robert Herzberger of Stewartstown is requesting a monthly report for the four member municipalities detailing how random patrol hours are being allocated.
- The internet purchase/exchange sign is installed in the New Freedom Borough building parking lot, adjacent to the designated parking space.

- Officer Heffner was involved in a non-reportable accident as he was responding to a burglary in progress in Glen Rock. PSP was called; no injuries to Officer Heffner; small dent on the side of the car.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Review of Expenditures

- Overall balance = \$465,769.56; accounts receivable = \$105,518.30

Finance and Budget

- Buck Buchanan requested a meeting to discuss the impact of the loss of the SE School District contract on the 2017 budget. He will email those on the budget committee to schedule this meeting.
- Rebate from Benecon = \$78,326; Chief requests a new car for the department. His recommendation: trade in two old vehicles with a value of \$16,000; approximately \$20,000 more needed for a new vehicle.

Formula

- Municipalities who voted on the two Formula proposals:
 - New Freedom:** Police hours only
 - Glen Rock:** Police hours only
 - Shrewsbury:** Police hours, population & mileage
 - Stewartstown:** No vote as of this meeting
- There must be unanimous agreement between all four member municipalities for a change in the Formula to occur; therefore the current Formula stays in effect.

TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Remove fourth item on the document: "Allocation of SRPD Costs".

SOLICITORS REPORT

- There's been another request and response to a Right-to-Know request.
- Peter Ruth spoke with administrators at Southeastern School District about our police service with them and what we can do to maintain the contract. A vote to terminate our contract and to replace with Pennsylvania State Police coverage, took place at the school's May Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointments need to be made to present rate increase proposals to Railroad, Winterstown and Southern School District.
- Nate Kirschman recommends fostering relationships with municipalities and school districts who utilize our services. He feels we need a different approach and would like to be a part of this process to help facilitate change.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Jeff Blum, with a second by Roy Burkins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Mumaw, Administrative Clerk