

**Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
December 6, 2017**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Robert Herzberger, Rollin Apgar, Buck Buchanan, Peter Schnabel, John Trout, Bruce Merrill, Jeff Blum, Roy Burkins

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Police Department Staff: Chief James Boddington, Financial Administrator Gail Prego, Officer Paul Heffner

Alternate Members Present: Mike Sharkey, John-Paul Whitmore, Brady Terrell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trout at 19:00 with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for fallen police officers, firefighters, and EMT's who lost their lives in the line of duty.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Trout expressed Merry Christmas wishes to all present and to their families. He announced that there will be a brief Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER REGULAR AND CONTINUATION MEETING MINUTES

- Chairman Trout asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting held November 1. It was moved by Commissioner Herzberger, seconded by Commissioner Blum, to approve the minutes. Voice vote of Aye with seated Alt. Commissioner Merrill abstaining and no Nays.
- Commissioner Schnabel took exception to the changes and additions requested by Alternate Commissioner Young. There followed a discussion wherein the Commissioners reached a consensus regarding what the minutes should say in the section in question and, with the assistance of the Solicitor, the wording resultant from the discussion has been published in the final minutes. Commissioner Merrill requested that the Stewartstown letter be made part of the minutes of the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Herzberger, modified and seconded by Commissioner Merrill, to approve the minutes of the Continuation meeting as discussed. The Chairman called for the vote, which was Aye with Commissioner Buchanan abstaining. The motion passed.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2017 EXPENDITURES

- Expenses for November 2017 were presented and reviewed with Chief Boddington and Administrator Prego leading the discussion.
- The Department is catching up on the hours and payments for and with the School District and Railroad.
- Vehicle repair and inspection expenses are over budget.
- Payroll anomalies were explained.
- A vest grant has been approved for \$1500.00 and we are still awaiting those funds.

- There's an overrun on consultant expenses. Additional discussion occurred regarding this subject.
- The health insurance and state aid receipts were about \$5K off budget.
- Regarding vehicles: Aging and required additional maintenance costs were discussed: Cars 73, 74, 80. The new Tahoe had some unexpected non-warranty costs due to brakes and rotors needing field upgrade/replacement. It appears that the police standard vehicles now come through with inadequate brakes. Aftermarket performance rotors will be more serviceable in police applications and that expense has been incurred for the Tahoe.
- Insurance costs have increase by average 5%. Some of this cost increase is due to current litigation.
- Pension costs and related issues were discussed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Apgar, to approve expenditures for check numbers 10602 through 10629 in the amount of \$311,621.44. A motion carries with an Aye vote unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Boddington described the contents of the monthly police activity reports in the current format.

Chief Boddington reported the following highlights:

- Stewartstown time is up a bit due to burglaries.
- Winterstown, the schools, and Railroad are a little bit low. Corrective action is taking place.
- Glen Rock has requested additional time and services for speed enforcement.
- Highlights are included with the second page of the Police report.
- A carjacked auto was involved in an accident into a building with an additional car-jacking and assault in Glen Rock that effected service hours applicable there.
- There were drug arrests at New Freedom Park.
- Shrewsbury had burglaries, theft, DUI auto accident with overturn, injuries, into a structure on N. Main St., possession with intent to deliver drugs, and more relate to that incident.
- Stewartstown had repeated break in's at a business. Trail cameras were used to identify the culprits. The business owner is bolstering physical security at that business.
- Southern School District had a kid in the middle school with a knife being brandished.
- Cell phones, sexting, and social media misuse are the major problem with young people and the schools.
- Detective Shafer is improving.

INSURANCE & PENSION

- No report. Questions regarding increased costs for professional liability and health insurance were asked and answered.

PERSONNEL

- No report.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- No report

BUDGET

- No report

CONTROL AND TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Consultant is still being carried.
- Reorganization will be carried out after the first of the year, in accordance with the bylaws, on the next evening after the Borough reorganizational meetings, January 3, 2018.
- Officer interviews will be conducted after the 2018 reorganization.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- A right-to-know request has been responded to. Asset forfeiture procedures were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Chairman Trout requested a motion to allow the alternate members to remain for the Executive Session. Commissioner Schnabel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Burkins. There was no vote recorded on the motion and the alternates remained for the session with the secretary and Department Staff having left the room.

OLD BUSINESS

- Commissioner Herzberger mentioned that Stewartstown Borough Council has made a resolution in favor of local police radar. As Mayor Herzberger, he has contacted Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill who verified that most of the proactive input she's receiving from constituents on the subject is negative, and that she is non-the-less voting in favor of it in the House when the time comes.
- Commissioner Herzberger mentioned that Stewartstown Borough Council had discussed amending the IGA to reflect a 5 year period, and the Council is supportive of that, passing a motion to that effect. The question was raised by Commissioner Schnabel regarding Stewartstown's position on a 5 year contract with the Officers. Commissioner Burkins replied that the discussion was with reference to the agreement between the Borough and the Commission (aka: IGA). Confirming discussions continued.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Adjournment

Chairman Trout announced that the next Commission Meeting would be January 3, 2018, at 19:00. A motion for adjournment was requested. A motion was made by Commissioner Apgar, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan. The motion passed by acclamation.