

**Southern Police Commission
Monthly Scheduled Meeting
November 6, 2019**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. The meeting convened at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Roy Burkins, Buck Buchanan, Clay Gallegos, Rob Herzberger, Dave Reisdorf (Seated Alternate), Mike Sharkey, John Trout

Police Department Staff: Chief James Boddington, Financial Administrator Gail Prego, Sgt. Teague, Ofc. Heffner

Members Absent: Donna Benton, Larry O'Brien

IGA Committee Members: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trout at 19:03 with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for fallen first responders, police officers, firefighters, and EMT's who lost their lives in the line of duty.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Trout announced that there is a new alternate Commissioner representing New Freedom, Dave Reisdorf.
- Alternate Commissioner Reisdorf was sworn in by Chairman/Glen Rock Mayor Trout.
- Solicitor Ruth is unable to attend the meeting this evening.
- This is Nate's last meeting as recording secretary and we are looking for a replacement. Nate was thanked for his work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Trout requested public comments from the audience. There were none.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

- There were no changes or comments during the meeting.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Herzberger, seconded by Commissioner Burkins, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with an Aye vote. Buck Buchanan abstained from this vote due to having not attended the October meeting.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

- Expenses and financial reports through September 30, 2019 were presented with Financial Administrator Prego leading the discussion.
- All savings accounts have been combined into one savings account and we are earning interest on this account. The detailed breakdown on the designations assigned to those funds are on the report. For part of August, September, and October we've received \$900.00 in interest.
- The audit is completed. The statements from the audit are not available for this meeting.
- On the P&L report, we are still running under budget. We are about \$36k under budget, mostly attributable to wages. O.T. is limited due to patrol shifts being covered by Chief. Payroll and rates are under budget.
- Vehicle costs are slightly under budget.
- The engine and transmission from the patrol vehicle involved in the accident has replaced a failed engine in 4275.
- Police expenses are slightly under budget.

- We have received the second health care surplus payment. This makes a total \$104K surplus. There is a reminder that we refunded \$80k to the member municipalities.
- There is an overrun in capital expenditures due to the replacement vehicle having been purchased earlier than anticipated. That money will come from undesignated savings.
- Commissioner Buchanan commented that this report indicates a record for low overtime expenses.
- The super-low number presented in the expense results in the report are a result of end of September Pension State Aid received in the amount of \$122,891.27. There was a detailed discussion regarding this.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Herzberger to approve the Monthly Check Register that includes ACH transactions and checks numbered 11364 through 11394 in the amount of \$60,358.86. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herzberger. The motion was passed with an Aye vote.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Herzberger, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve monthly expenses of \$31,124.87. This low number reflects the refund amounts received during the month.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- The printed calls and time report through October 12 was discussed with Chief Boddington leading the discussion.
- The report indicates that we are within expected tolerance for each municipality. Overtime is at a minimum. Sgt. Teague is doing an excellent job of coordinating the schedule. When there's an opening in the schedule, Chief has been filling in those shifts.
- The new officer is doing well with training and will be on his own soon.
- Commissioner Buchanan inquired regarding the last reporting period in Shrewsbury. There appears to be an about 35% increase in incidents. The answer is that it becomes busy from time to time.
- In Glen Rock it got fairly busy for October. There had been a train incident where an individual decided he would hop onto the train and ride it back. He slipped off the step, fell under the train, and was seriously injured. The incident response and investigation took lots of time.
- We've been concentrating on Church Street in Glen Rock due to the truck traffic. Glen Rock Borough has requested official signage from PennDOT and it will require months to solve the problem. Chief Boddington relayed to Glen Rock representatives that Tom Metz of Senator Phillips-Hill's office has offered to follow up if he's requested to do so. Chief said that he'd make the contact. It seems that the truck drivers are following their GPS directions and not paying attention to the warning signs that are in place. PennDOT has been resistant to additional signs warning of no trucks over a certain weight may enter Glen Rock via Church St.
- In Glen Rock, the old machine shop on Junior St. has problems with vandalism. Two juveniles were arrested on that property.
- Stewartstown has been pretty busy. There was chronic retail theft going on at the Rutter's with theft of wine and beer. The vehicle involved was identified, found, and an arrest was made.
- At the Rutter's an improperly parked truck without driver on board traveled from the parking lot into nearby property, causing damage. The driver had been able to get the truck off of the property and made no report of the incident. A description of the truck was provided by nearby citizens and we were able to find the truck.
- There was a major hit-and-run at Kirchner Rd. and Constitution Avenue in PSP territory. A red SUV was identified as the striking vehicle. It was found by SRPD patrol units in Railroad Borough and we were able to relay information to PSP.
- Shrewsbury had a suspicious package incident at the Choice Exxon station. A vehicle pulled in, the driver set a suitcase down by the gas pumps, and the vehicle left. The area was cleared. A bomb-

trained K-9 officer was brought in for this incident and found no bomb, but a typewriter was found in the suit case.

- Today (November 6) there was a self-inflicted gunshot wound and suicide in Shrewsbury and a neighbor dispute and assault this afternoon right before the meeting.
- New Freedom was relatively quiet for the period.
- A photo of Sgt. Teague participating in a motor officer event was shared with the Commissioners. Police officers from all around come to this event. Sgt. Teague made 3rd place in that skill competition.
- Trick or Treat caused some concern due to weather. There were 3 nights covered with a 3rd officer on duty during trick or treat time.
- The new car is painted. The equipment will be installed and it will be on the road before Thanksgiving. The cost, in addition to payment received from the insurance, was under \$20k.
- The insurance company sold the wrecked car back to the Department for \$250.00. That's where the engine came from to get another car that had engine problems back into service. Wheels and tires were also salvaged.
- Commissioner Herzberger inquired about "things" happening around the Walmart. Chief replied that we assist PSP when necessary. PSP had assisted us with a 302 commitment of a potentially violent person so mutual aid balances out.
- There was some stolen vehicle activity in New Freedom Borough. One was a vehicle stolen in York City found in New Freedom, another was a vehicle stolen in New Freedom and yet to be recovered. Investigations regarding the auto thefts, involving other Departments including those in Maryland, continues.
- Doug Brent from New Freedom asked about vehicle break-ins in New Freedom. Chief Boddington answered that there were some tools taken stolen from several cars in the area. Investigations continue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INSURANCE & PENSION

- No report. Everything is in compliance.

PERSONNEL

- Commissioner Sharkey spoke with the officer's association rep about the K-9 officer payment differential. That negotiation continues.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- The car issue was covered during the Chief's report.
- Commissioner Burkins got another estimate to change the air ducting into the computer/server room of \$355.00. Commissioner Buchanan recommended that the work be completed now so that it's done by spring. The estimate came from Miller Heating and Plumbing, New Freedom.
- Commissioner Burkins made a motion that the duct work change be completed soon at the offered price. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Sharkey. The discussion included completing this work before the arrival of the new server. The motion passed with an Aye vote.

FINANCE & BUDGET

- Chairman Trout lead a discussion regarding approval of the budget. Glen Rock, New Freedom, and Stewartstown approved the budget, Shrewsbury council had discussed the budget but failed to officially move and vote on it. This oversight will be corrected at the next council meeting. Commissioner/Borough Council President Buchanan assured the Commissioners that Shrewsbury Borough would officially approve the budget.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Herzberger to approve the 2020 budget that was discussed at the last meeting in the expense amount of \$2,238,888.00 including capital expenditures. There was some detailed discussion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buchanan. The motion passed with an Aye vote.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT COMMITTEE

- Commissioner Sharkey reported that he'd provided the executive summary and the draft agreement to the members and that there's been no feedback. A meeting is scheduled for the 1st Tuesday in December in Shrewsbury Borough at 19:00.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- No report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Chairman Trout requested a motion to adjourn.
- A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Burkins, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan. There was a unanimous Aye vote at 19:49.