

CENTRAL BUCKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
Minutes
September 26, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission was called to order by Chairman David Holewinski at 7:30 PM. All Commission members were present with the exception of Mr. Det Ansinn and Mr. Peter LaMontagne. Also present were Chief James Donnelly, Captain Pat Penecale, Mr. David Sander, and Ms. Caroline Brinker. Mr. Holewinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Ron Strouse to approve the meeting minutes of August 22, 2016; seconded by Mr. Jack O'Brien. Motion approved.

FINANCE:

Reports – Chief Donnelly reported expenses for August YTD were \$2,758,783.68 which represents 54.1% of the annual budget.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee met on September 15, 2016 at which time they reviewed the quarterly results of the two pension plans. Mr. Strouse stated the pension plans are looking great. The MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) was discussed regarding other municipalities/departments and if they contribute additional monies beyond the minimum. Ms. Brinker stated additional monies are allowed, however no other municipality/department does it. A memo outlining the Disclosure of 2017 MMO to Pension Plans was distributed. Mr. Strouse said they will continue the MMO discussion in 2017. Ms. Brinker explained all assets were transferred over to the Regional Department. As the Regional Department is recognized by the State, upon merging departments, Chalfont Borough became an immediate member.

2017 Budget – The three municipality governing bodies submitted correspondence declining their acceptance of the proposed 2017 Budget. Chief Donnelly stated once insurance costs are confirmed and other areas of the budget are analyzed, a final budget will be submitted to the Finance Committee at their October 20, 2016 meeting and presented to the Police Commission on October 24, 2016.

POLICE ACTIVITY: Chief Donnelly reported 2,313 incidents for August (CB-475; DB-1382; NBB-456); reportable accidents totaled 9 (CB-2; DB-4; NBB-3); total Part I Crimes 22 (CB-0; DB-18, NBB-4); and total Part II Crimes totaled 43 (CB-2; DB-35; NBB-6).

NEW BUSINESS:

Corporal Lenahan Retirement - Chief Donnelly stated Corporal Kevin Lenahan recently retired after 28 years of service; hired August 1, 1988. The PBA has asked if there will be any recognition for his service. The Commission has requested a certificate honoring his service be presented at the December 2016 Police Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Civil Service Rules and Regulations – Chief Donnelly explained the Civil Service attorney has made some revisions to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to include disciplinary hearings being closed to the public unless there is a request to open such hearing; and, the inclusion of the position of Captain with the deletion of the position of Lieutenant. There was some discussion regarding compensation of members. A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to approve the proposed changes to the Civil Service Rules with an amendment stating no compensation for members or alternate members; seconded by Ms. Marilyn Becker. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:45 PM, Mr. Holewinski indicated an executive session would take place to discuss a grievance regarding festive pay. It was determined no action would be taken after the Executive Session, hence, the meeting may adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM; seconded by Mr. John Abbott. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

James Donnelly
Chief of Police