

CENTRAL BUCKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes

April 25, 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 except Mr. John Engle. Also present were Chief James Donnelly, Captain Pat Penecale and Mr. David Sander. Mr. Holewinski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN: Mr. Holewinski conducted the Swearing-In ceremony for hiring part-time Police Officer Craig Lager. Mr. Lager is a graduate of Montgomery Police Academy (June 2015), a Doylestown Fire Company volunteer firefighter and a graduate of CB East.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Det Ansinn to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, 2016; seconded by Mr. John Abbott. Motion approved.

FINANCE: Chief Donnelly reported expenses for March YTD were \$880,757.57 which represents 21.63% of the annual budget (under budget by 3-4%).

POLICE ACTIVITY: Chief Donnelly reported 1,384 incidents for March (DB-973; NB-411); reportable accidents totaled 10 (DB-5; NBB-5); Part I Crimes totaled 6 (DB-6; NBB-0); and Part II Crimes totaled 32 (DB-24; NBB-8). Chalfont Borough police activity has not been included as the merger took place in the last three days of March; Chalfont numbers will be reflected in the April 2016 Police Activity report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Foundation - Mr. Ron Strouse reported the ad hoc committee formed to investigate the feasibility of forming a Police Foundation met and reviewed the parameters included in the Commission packet. The foundation, in large part, mirrors the Philadelphia Police Foundation which has been around for more than 25 years. The committee suggested approval and formation work to be completed by CBRPD in consultation with the Solicitor. The Board of Directors, as envisioned, would consist of a representative from each municipality and the Police Chief as an ad hoc member, along with leading community members the municipalities identify. Mr. Strouse made a motion to approve engaging in the formal process of forming a police foundation 501(c)3 status; seconded by Mr. John Abbott. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

County Detective's Reimbursement - Chief Donnelly reported the District Attorney's office has reimbursed CBRPD \$16,000 representing the Department's involvement in narcotics work for the County. A portion of the funds will be reimbursed to Doylestown Borough. Additionally, the County has approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 reimbursable funds for Chalfont Borough.

Cost Distribution – Mr. Peter LaMontagne raised the issue of studying alternative methods of calculating the cost distribution for police services as originally raised by Ms. Robyne Kelemen in November, 2015. Mr. Ansinn replied that the municipalities have just entered into a joint municipal agreement with an existing structure for cost distribution that was agreed upon by all members. He

further stated, under the existing structure, cost savings are realized by both New Britain and Chalfont Boroughs. Mr. LaMontagne specified his suggestion was intended for future mergers, not the existing one. Mr. Ansinn stated, at the current time, the Commission's focus should be on establishing a police foundation and building success together with continued excellent clearance rates and high quality of police service. There was further discussion, to which Mr. Strouse replied, the method of cost allocation is not a Commission decision, rather an agreement between the three municipalities. At the time CBRPD should expand in the future, members agreed they would revisit the discussion of cost allocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:55 PM, the Commission adjourned to Executive Session and returned to Public Session at 8:08 PM. No motions were made.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Ansinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM; seconded by Mr. David Holewinski. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

James Donnelly
Chief of Police