

## CENTRAL BUCKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

### Minutes

March 24, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission was called to order by Mr. David Holewinski at 7:30 PM. All commission members were present with the exception of Mr. Joe Cangelosi. Also present were Chief James Donnelly, Mr. John Davis, Ms. Robin Trymbiski and Mr. David Sander.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Det Ansinn to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2014; seconded by Ms. Susan Madian. Motion approved.

**Civil Service Commission:** A motion was made by Ms. Margaret Remmey to nominate Ms. Charla Bendas as an Alternate member of the Central Bucks Regional Police Civil Service Commission; seconded by Mr. Ansinn. Motion approved.

Mr. David Holewinski administered the Oath of Office and swearing in of Civil Service Commission members Ms. Bendas, Mr. Dennis McCauley and Ms. Remmey. Mr. Lou White was not available and will be sworn in at a different time.

**Resolution No. 2014-01 – Authorizing an Application to Attorney General Grant:** All members had an opportunity to review the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Ansinn to pass Resolution No. 2014-01 with a correction on Item 4 to remove “normal shift hours”; seconded by Ms. Madian. Motion approved.

**Youth Aid Panel:** Chief James Donnelly explained New Britain Borough participated in a Youth Aid Panel in conjunction with New Britain Township as one panel. Chief Donnelly proposed merging New Britain Borough with Doylestown Borough Youth Aid Panel (YAP) to cover Central Bucks Regional Police. Lt. Pat Penecale spoke as a 20-yr veteran of the YAP for Doylestown Borough stating it is a well established panel with approximately ten members. Bringing the additional members for New Britain’s panel would not be an issue. Lt. Penecale further explained YAP works better when it runs independently of the county structure; it tends to the needs of the juveniles a lot better. The number of participants is dictated by the number of offenses each year and whether the juvenile meets eligibility requirements (i.e. first time offender, recommendation for the officer). Mr. Ron Strouse made a motion to consolidate New Britain Borough’s Youth Aid Panel with Doylestown Borough’s Youth Aid Panel; seconded by Mr. Ansinn. Motion approved.

**Finance Report:** Chief Donnelly presented the Finance Report for review. The federal grant for the Chief’s salary has been approved and is effective April 2014. Two new patrol vehicles (Tahoe) were purchased and will be striped this week with the vehicles in service by the weekend. The older patrol vehicles were traded in to bring purchase cost down. A motion was made by Ms. Madian to approve the Finance Report as written; seconded by Ms. Remmey.

**Police Activity Report:** A motion was made by Mr. Ansinn to approve the Police Activity Report as written; seconded by Ms. Remmey. Motion approved.

**New Initiatives:** Chief Donnelly narrated a presentation on SmartPolicing. The new initiative is a collaboration of efforts from four police departments with Central Bucks Regional Police at the helm of

the project, the District Attorney's office and a University. Chief Donnelly explained the concept behind SmartPolicing is data-driven processes leading a decrease in crime rate and an increase in crime clearance. Burglaries will be the focus of this pilot group as it moves forward.

**New Business:** Mr. John Davis stated a brief meeting was held between himself, Chief Donnelly and the Doylestown Borough Finance Director to review the pension situation under Central Bucks Regional Police Department. Mr. Davis explained the next step would be for the Police Commission to hire management for the pension plan. Currently, both municipalities use a different approach: New Britain Borough uses Univest as a bundle for investment and management, Doylestown Borough self manages with investment and actuary service under different companies. Mr. Davis is working on an RFP for the Police Commission to use. He suggested this be done within the next 30 days so that an RFP can be distributed and consolidation of funds may begin. Mr. Davis will supply Ms. Robin Trymbiski with a copy of the RFP as soon as possible.

Mr. Strouse inquired whether the Police Commission needed its own auditor. Mr. Davis responded positively and will provide Chief Donnelly with an RFP copy that the Commission can use. Mr. Strouse made a motion authorizing Chief Donnelly to issue an RFP for an auditor; seconded by Ms. Madian. Motion approved.

Mr. Ansinn brought up the possibility of Central Bucks Regional Police acquiring a Twitter account. He has been approached by several people wanting communication with the police department through Twitter. Mr. Ansinn will attempt to secure a username for the police department. Chief Donnelly will gather information of local departments having a Twitter account for research purposes.

**Old Business:** Mr. David Sander inquired about the Lease Agreement between the Police Commission and New Britain Borough, as there has been a lack of response from New Britain Borough's solicitor. Ms. Trymbiski will follow up with the solicitor and move this item forward.


The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014.

**Public Comment:** None

**Executive Session:** At 8:03 PM, the Commission adjourned for an Executive Session.

**Adjournment:** The Commission returned from Executive Session at 8:43 PM, followed by a motion to adjourn by Mr. Ansinn seconded by Ms. Madian. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James Donnelly,  
Chief of Police