

## CENTRAL BUCKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

### Minutes

December 23, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission was called to order by Chairman Ron Strouse at 7:37 PM. All Commission members were present except Mr. Bill Macklem, Mr. Det Ansinn, and Ms. Nancy Schuyler. Additionally, Chief James Donnelly, Lt. Pat Penecale, Mr. John Davis, Mr. David Sander, Ms. Marilyn Becker, Mr. John Engle, and Mr. Sam Bryant were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. David Holewinski to approve the meeting minutes of November 23, 2015; seconded by Ms. Robyne Kelemen. Motion approved.

#### **FINANCE:**

**Finance Reports** – Chief Donnelly reported expenses for November YTD were \$3,271,057.85 which is 89.34% of the annual budget. By year end, the Department anticipates to be under budget with expenses at approximately 91%. Mr. Ron Strouse inquired what the surplus would be at year end. Chief Donnelly explained it changes daily and a firm number would not be expected until January 2016.

**Ordinance 2015-03 Amending Pension Plan for Full-Time Non-Uniformed Employees** – Mr. John Davis explained the ordinance was a concession granted during the AFSCME union negotiations. The ordinance amends how the final pension benefit will be calculated; the best three years annual salary of the final ten years of service vs the final three years of service. There is no cost change actuarially and protects the employee in the case of a final year disability. A motion was made by Mr. Jack O'Brien to approve the previously advertised Ordinance 2015-03 Amending the Pension Plan for the Full-Time Non-Uniformed Employees; seconded by Mr. Holewinski. Motion approved.

**POLICE ACTIVITY:** Chief Donnelly reported November incidents for Doylestown 892; New Britain 412. Reportable accidents are down for Doylestown 9 and New Britain 1. At the beginning of November, there were seven burglaries that occurred in the Maplewood and Belmont Square section of Doylestown. Chief Donnelly reported to the credit of citizens and a UPS driver, CBRPD were able to arrest five individuals responsible for all seven burglaries. Although burglaries were higher this year, CBRPD are able to clear the burglaries at a higher rate than the State's average.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Commission Meeting Dates 2016** – Mr. Strouse explained with the exception of January, February and December, Commission meetings in 2016 will be held the fourth Monday of the month. A motion was made by Mr. Holewinski to advertise the 2016 Police Commission meeting dates; seconded by Ms. Kelemen. Motion approved.

**Police Merger Start Date** – A tentative date of February 29, 2016 has been set for the Chalfont Borough Police Department to merge with Central Bucks Regional Police Department. This date will be confirmed at the January 2016 Commission meeting.

**Commission Structure** – There was discussion regarding the reorganization meeting of the Police Commission in January. It was decided to honor the current agreement appointing three members from

Doylestown Borough and two members from New Britain Borough. When the merger takes effect on February 29, 2016, the third Doylestown Borough member will move to an Alternate position and Chalfont will appoint two members to Commission. Chairmanship will remain the same as determined at the January 2016 reorganization meeting.

**Municipal Cooperative Agreement** – Chief Donnelly explained the agreement which authorizes participating departments to enter a joint contract for DUI checkpoints. This is a County funded operation which would reimburse any overtime incurred. It was agreed this issue would be tabled as Chief Donnelly would like to obtain more information regarding how officers are assigned and placement of the checkpoints.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:01 PM, the Commission adjourned to Executive Session and resume the Commission meeting at 8:45 PM.

**Promotions** – A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to recognize the three top-scoring individuals from promotional testing for Sergeant as Officer Darien Derstine, Detective Wayne Jones, and Officer Keith Dietz; seconded by Ms. Kelemen. Motion approved. A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to promote Detective Wayne Jones to the position of Sergeant, effective January 14, 2016; seconded by Ms. Kelemen. Motion approved. A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to recognize the three top-scoring individuals from promotional testing for Corporal as Officer Darien Derstine, Officer Keith Dietz, and Officer Mark Bolender; seconded by Ms. Kelemen. Motion approved. A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to conditionally promote Officer Darien Derstine to Corporal upon the merging of Chalfont Borough Police to Central Bucks Regional Police effective February 29, 2016; seconded by Ms. Kelemen. Motion approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Strouse to adjourn at 9:00 PM; seconded by Ms. Kelemen. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

James Donnelly  
Chief of Police