

BEAVER VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANAGING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2023

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** – Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Levenson
2. **Roll Call** – Mike Lucci, Mike Mimone, Nadine Padizinin, John Shelkons, Michael Stuban, Dawn Singleton, Scott Levenson
3. **Meeting Minutes – August 10th, 24th , September 14th , 28th**

Not available

4. **Administrators Report**

Elaine Rakovan went over the packet that she distributed to the board members that included: current bank statement balance, check list, time off tracking for each officer, budget and gas usage report. She is working on the pension and will be having a conference call with the pension company an attorney.

Scott Levenson asked if there were any questions regarding the financials that were handed out at the last meeting.

5. **Chief's Report**

Chief Johnston went over his police report.

Calls for service: 539

Criminal arrests: 17

Non-Traffic arrests: 14

Traffic citations: 122

The police cruisers are now being fueled at the Rochester Township Public Works facility.

Sgt.'s Shipley and Priolo attended and completed the 40-hour Pennsylvania State Police Basic Homicide Course.

Old firearms and ammunition was sold to the National Armory of Moon Township.

Purchased 5 new Glock duty firearms which brings the department to a total of 17 which gives each officer a duty firearm and one extra if needed.

Car 07 (the black Explorer) has the new transmission and is back in service.

Evidence from Rochester Township is being moved to the regional. Anticipated completion date is the end of month.

Sgt. Priolo met with the vendor from Cody for the new police reporting system.

Officer Dunmyer taught a fire prevention course at the Baden Academy Charter School.

Officer Picininni along with SRO Stitt taught a CPR/First Aid class to the teacher aids at the Baden Academy.

Thank you email received from Amy Fitsco who is the vice president of the board of directors from Ambridge Area School District thanking the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department for their increase in presence around the State Street Elementary School and at the Ambridge High School football games and related activities. She also stated that the regional police department has gone above and beyond her expectations regarding safety, security and overall demonstration of exemplary service.

Discussion took place regarding the need for SRO services for Class Academy. Chief Johnston stated that Class Academy has a lot of safety issues at the school. Class Academy has said that they can't afford an SRO. Discussion about options that may be available for Class Academy took place including limited onsite service.

Mr. Stuban stated the Tevebaugh Road in Baden is being paved so this will be another road that will need to be patrolled for speeding.

6. Review "To Do" List

- a. East Rochester** – Scott Levenson stated that we need to talk with East Rochester at some point. Michael Stuban stated that he would like to attend one of East Rochester meetings.
- b. PCED Grant** – Still pending
- c. County Grant** - Scott Levenson and Chief Johnston met with the commissioner and they did agree to pay \$32,400. An additional approximately \$22,000 was submitted for Rochester Township joining the regional police. We are waiting on funding and additional approval of the second submission of \$22,000.
- d. Grant Writer**

Scott Levenson stated that we need to look for a company, service or grant writer. Michael Stuban stated that Ambridge Borough has a grant service. Michael Stuban stated that he will check into it.

e. Pension

No update

f. Vest

Elaine Rakovan stated that she is submitting a \$5,000 PIRMA Grant for the vests.

g. Parking Ticket Book

Parking Ticket Books have been received.

h. Evidence Room

The evidence room is still being worked on.

i. SRO Job Description

Chief Johnston stated that it is being worked on.

j. Ride Along Policy

Working on it

k. Gym

Chief Johnston stated that the gym equipment is still in the works. They had to change vendors, but the equipment is still the same. Mr. Levenson mentioned possibly getting space on the first floor from Hope Learning Center so that the gym may be moved from the basement.

l. Lockers

No update

m. BVRPD Parking

Mr. Levenson stated that Conway did agree to some of the signs. They are trying to get Hope to move their three parking spaces to the side of the building. The goal is to get residents and people who want to use the playground to park in the old bus lanes.

n. Building Sign

An email was sent to the commission showing the sign.

Motion by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Lucci, carried unanimously to approve the signage as presented at a cost of \$4,093.

o. MOU – Bargaining Unit

Mr. Levenson stated that an MOU is need for the event rate modification and for pro-rating sick time based on hire date.

p. New Vehicle

No Update

q. Firearms

Majority of the old firearms have been sold. Chief Johnston stated that he is still working on it.

r. Part Time Clerk

Mr. Stuban stated that the commission should look into a part time clerk to work in the police office for 20 hours per week. Chief Johnston stated that they get a lot of phone calls.

7. Old Business

Holiday Party

Mr. Levenson stated that Debbie Rose is working on it.

8. New Business

Mr. Levenson mentioned money that could be made on Facebook based upon how many followers/like you have. He is going to do more research on it because you have to link your checking account in order to receive the funding.

Chief Johnston mentioned that the owner of Hank's reached out to him regarding making a donation to the regional if they ever had the intention of having a K-9 Unit.

Mr. Levenson stated that he drafted a letter to the Freedom School District and a copy was included in the packet. The commission approved sending the letter.

Mr. Stuban commented that Pulaski and Daugherty Townships may be interested in regionalizing.

9. Public Comment - None

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Elaine K. Rakovan

Administrator

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at 6PM at Conway Municipal Building.