

BEAVER VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANAGING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2023

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** – Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Levenson
2. **Roll Call** – Eric Climo, Dennis Iannini, George Bauer, Judi Montell, Nadine Padizinin, Debbie Rose, John Shelkons, Michael Stuban, Scott Levenson
3. **Meeting Minutes – August 10th, 24th , September 14th , 28th and October 12th**

Not available

4. **Administrators Report**

Elaine Rakovan stated that the budget was distributed to the commission. Total bank statement balance is approximately \$200,000. She stated that she had a conference call with the pension company and attorney regarding the Rochester Township pension fund and they met individually with the three Rochester Township employees. One of the officers will need to decide if they want to retire from Rochester Township or transfer everything to the regional. All three will be given a document to sign regarding their decision and then we will move forward with the process to get the Rochester Township pension moved to the regional. The individual municipalities are still responsible for their individual pensions MMO's through 2024 as previously discussed.

Elaine also stated that the county check has been received for the first funding request.

5. **Chief's Report**

Chief Johnston went over his police report.

Calls for service: 535

Criminal arrests: 17

Non-Traffic arrests: 8

Traffic citations: 69

Chief Johnston stated that there was a baby death in Baden that is still under investigation.

The laptops and printers were outfitted in all the vehicles this week.

The body cams are being phased into operation.

Officers Dobson, Stitt, Howard and McQuiston attended active shooter training at the Rochester School along with the Rochester Borough and school police.

Lieutenant Shillingburg attended a safety program at the Rochester School.

Multiple officers were out for Trick-or-Treat.

Sgt. Shipley and Officer Dunmyer attended Baden's Trick-or-Treat in the park event.

Sgt. Shipley, Officers Dunmyer and Kelly attend the Freedom Halloween Parade event.

Multiple officers worked the Baden Harvest Festival event.

Officer Dunmyer taught a fire prevention course at Baden Academy and State Street Elementary School. He is a firefighter but also represents the police department.

Officer Piccinini taught a first aid and CPR class at Baden Academy to the teachers aids.

Discussion took place regarding how the police department is being seen throughout all the municipalities. The residents and the municipalities are very happy with the police visibility and coverage. Mr. Levenson stated that since June 4th the regional has had over 2,077 calls, In October we averaged 17 calls per day. Average of 415 calls per month.

Chief Johnston stated that having multiple officers working who are good competent officers they were able to handle the child death in Baden on their own with minimal assistance from the county.

Sgt. Shipley will be interviewed by Channel 11 for a story they are doing on regional police departments.

6. Review "To Do" List

a. Other Municipalities Joining the BVRPD

Brief discussion took place regarding reaching out to other municipalities that show and interest in joining the regional. Scott Levenson commented that we should let the municipalities reach out to the regional.

b. PCED Grant – Still pending

c. **County Grant** - Scott Levenson stated that we already deposited \$32,400. The additional approximate \$17,000 is still being reviewed by the county.

d. **Grant Writer**

No Update

e. **Pension**

No update

f. **Roch Twp – Computers / Networks**

Chief Johnston stated that this is still being worked on. Sgt. Priolo explained that there are multiple problems. A few weeks ago, he spoke with Cody (the new computer systems that everyone in the county is going to). The regional is able to make that switch sooner but the switch is not to the newest Cody system that the company is still trying to perfect. It is easier to transition now, but we will need to upgrade with the newest system is released. Part of the process is getting all three databases together. This is a six month process. The only way to move forward with the Cody system we need to separate from Conway's server. Right now, there is one comcast line coming into the building and the firewall creates two separate systems. A separate VPN needs to be established so that the information may be accessible. Ultimately a separate modem is need for the regional police. This isn't too feasible right now, but we may be able to get a switch that would technically create a separate system. The cost for the switch is approximately \$1,100. This is needed before we can move forward with the Cody System. The 6 month time frame is because of the size of the Meta Data from the three municipalities. The process is very time consuming because the date will need to be gone through line by line. Discussion took place regarding getting a new comcast line for the regional. The commission agreed to having a separate comcast line for the regional.

g. **Bodycams**

Currently being phased in.

h. **Vests**

No update on the PIRMA grant.

Chief Johnston stated that Rochester Township had applied for a vest grant. The grant is not transferable however Rochester is willing to keep the grant in their name and use it towards the regional vests.

i. SRO

Class Academy - Scott Levenson and Chief Johnston met with Class Academy. Class Academy has some money set aside and they also hired a grant writer to help find funding for the school and SRO. Scott stated that he modified the agreement (included in the commissioner packet). The difference between Baden Academy and the proposed Class Academy agreement is the number days they are requesting to have the SRO. The Class Academy agreement has 20 days less. The daily rate is the same for Baden Academy and Class Academy. After discussion the commission agreed to extend the agreement to Class Academy.

MOTION by Nadine Padizinin, second by Judi Montell to give the agreement to Class Academy.

Freedom School – Scott Levenson commented that there was no response to the last letter he sent. Discussion took place to authorize the solicitor be more involved in this matter.

j. Evidence Room

No Update

k. SRO Job Description

Scott Levenson stated that the SRO job description is in the commissioner meeting packet.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by George Bauer to approve the SRO Job Description and place it in the policy manual.

l. Gym

Chief Johnston stated that if the gym is going to be in the basement would Conway be willing to put a French Drain in to alleviate water issue. The regional is willing to dig the ditch if Conway would run the pipe. The flooring has also been ordered.

Chief Johnston also commented that the light in the interview room needs to be fixed. Scott Johnston told him notify Conway's secretary of the needed repair.

Debbie Rose stated that she is in contact with Hope Learning regarding obtaining more space on the ground floor.

m. New Vehicles

No update

Chief Johnston mentioned that Midas is not working out for the vehicle repairs. The costs and estimates are getting high. The Chief asked if Eric would look at the vehicles first to confirm some of the repairs and then give Good Year a chance at doing the vehicle repairs.

n. Firearms

Chief Johnston stated that we are good with the pistols and in the process of changing some of accessories on the AR's.

7. Old Business

Holiday Party

Debbie Rose asked for a budget amount and date for the party. Michael Stuban will check into the Baden American Legion. Discussion took place regarding having a dinner or a luncheon. Looking at December 18th to the 22nd as a possible date for the party.

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. Executive Session for Personnel

MOTION by Debbie Rose, second by George Bauer to go into executive session at 7:11 PM regarding personnel.

MOTION by Debbie Rose, second by Michael Stuban to return to session at 7:15 PM

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Eric Climo, second by Judi Montell at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Elaine K. Rakovan

Administrator

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, December 14th , at 6PM at Conway Municipal Building.