

BEAVER VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANAGING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 9th, 2024

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance — Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Levenson
2. Roll Call

Baden Borough -	Michael Stuban, Judi Montell
Freedom Borough -	Nadine Padezanin, Kim Farrow
Conway Borough -	Debbie Rose, Mark Hertnecky and Scott Levenson
Rochester Township –	Not Present

3. Meeting Minutes — April 11th were handed out for approval at next month's meeting.
 - a Outstanding: September 14, 2023 and January 11, 2024
4. Administrators Report – Attached

5. Chief's Report

Not Present – Monthly call reports are available online at

<https://bvrpd-pa.gov/monthly-crime-statistics>

Nadine Padezanin asked Lt. Shillingburg to have an officer(s) present at the Freedom on the 18th.

6. Review "To Do" List
 - a. Pulaski Township

Scott Levenson stated that he set up a tentative meeting for him and Adam to meet with Pulaski Township on the 23rd to go over a draft agreement. The agreement is being reviewed by the solicitor prior to presenting it to Pulaski.
 - b. Grant Writer

Scott Levenson stated that the grant writer from Class Academy is supposed to be working on a grant for BVRPD. He has sent him numerous emails and he has not gotten back to him yet. Scott will try to call him and if he doesn't get a response we will need to find someone else to work on it.

C. Pension

No update.

d. SRO – Freedom School District

Scott Levenson stated that the attorney suggested that a more poignant letter to the school, supervisors, police department and DA.

Michael Stuban informed the commission that Ambridge Area School District is looking into not funding Baden Academy which would mean the closing of Baden Academy.

e. Evidence Room

The new door still needs to be put on.

f. Gym

Gym is ready. Needs to be painted.

g. Hope Learning

Debbie Rose is working on contacting them regarding obtaining extra space for the police department.

h. Parking

Conway is working on the parking. They fixed a drainage issue in the park and will be working on the parking and signage.

i. MOU – Bargaining Unit

Scott Levenson stated that the MOU additions to the contract regarding event rate modification and pro-rating of sick time based on hire date have been turned over to Lt. Shillingburg and Sgt. Shipley for review.

j. New Vehicle

No update

k. Firearms

No update

l. Right to Know Policy

No update

m. Shirts and Hats

Lt. Shillingburg stated that the patch and hats have been ordered.

Discussion took place regarding Jimmy Maggs wanting to pay for them.

n. K-9

Scott Levenson went over the K-9 information in the packet and discussed the two different types of K-9 officers. There are drug sniffing dogs and dual purpose officer protection. They recommend the dual purpose K-9. The ultimate goal is to get a dog and a vehicle specific for the K-9. The dog and training can cost up to \$17,000. Annual cost after the initial startup is estimated to be around \$10,000. Letters are going to be sent out to businesses and social media for fundraising. At this time there is no commitment to purchasing a K-9. A 501(c) will need to be set up for the K-9 donations.

MOTION by Nadine Padezanin, second by Judi Montell to move forward getting a K-9 Officer.

7. Old Business

a. Office Cleaning and floor mats

Floor mats were brought from Rochester Township. Debbie Rose stated that the Conway cleaning service was to give a quote to wax the floor in the department.

8. Correspondence

None

9. New Business

a. Commission Directive – Community Surge

Michael Stuban stated that last month we discussed doing a community surge. He spoke to the chief about it and the chief felt the directive should come from him. While on patrol officers should look for illegal parking, abandoned vehicles, uninspected vehicles.... giving warning and/or citations if needed. The discretion is up to the officer. Debbie Rose and Lt. Shillingburg expressed their concerns with doing a surge. Michael Stuban noted that the chief wants the complaints to go through the 911 center. Discussion followed. In conclusion Michael Stuban asked as that we proceed with the police surge and to use discretion on telling residents to call the 911 center.

b. Commission Committee for the budget

Scott Levenson stated that we need to start on the budget soon.

10. Public Comment

Michael Stuban informed the commission that Columbia Gas is planning on doing line repairs in the coming year. They may be asking for police traffic control.

Michael Stuban asked about doing a newsletter giving an overview of the regionals first year.

11. Executive Session for Personnel

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Debbie Rose to go into executive session over legal issues and personnel at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Administrator

NEXT MEETING — Thursday, June 13th at 6PM at Conway Municipal Building.