

Beaver Valley Regional Police Department

Thursday, March 13th, 2025

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Scott Levenson, Chairman of BVRPD, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

<u>Baden</u>	<u>Freedom</u>	<u>Conway</u>	<u>Rochester</u>
Andy Gall	Kim Farrow	Scott Levenson	Paul Abbot
Becky Gallagher		Debbie Giska-Rose	Steven Anthony
Dawn Singleton			

Also Present: Tori Forster (Administrative Assistant), David Mitchell (Solicitor), Chief Michael Priolo, and Officer Kevin Reese.

2. Public Comment

3. Minutes

- Outstanding- 10.10.2024, 11.14.2024, 1.9.2025
- 2.13.2025
 - Motion** to approve February meeting minutes 2.13.2025
 - Kim Farrow**
 - Steven Anthony****All in favor**

4. Administrative Assistant's Report

- Tori Forster, administrative assistant, gave her report
- Motion** to approve list of bills
 - Dawn Singleton**
 - Steven Anthony****All in Favor**
- Available bank account Balances as of 2/28/2025

General \$ 319,151.92

Payroll \$ 56,478.44

Misc/Debit \$ 1319.63

Drug Fund \$ 16,575.94

K-9 Fund \$ 21,647.26

- Budget Report attached to Agenda packet
 - Scott Levenson would like to start having a quarterly meeting; to meet with the Chief Michael Priolo and the Administrative Assistant Tori Forster to go over the budget and make sure it is staying on track. Anyone from council is welcome to attend these meetings.
- PCCD E Grant
 - We have received the total amount of the grant \$150,000.00, and it will be closed out at the end of 2025's first quarter.
- Training Courses
 - See attached training courses to be approved for the Administrative Assistant Tori Forster would like to attend for Excel and QuickBooks.
 - **Motion** to approve the training courses
 1. **Paul Abbot**
 2. **Kim Farrow****All in Favor**

5. Chief's Report

- Chief Michael Priolo gave his report
- Officer Dunmyer and Drex finished certification for K9
- The Tahoe will be sent in to get lettered
- Scott Levenson would like for Officer Dunmyer and Drex to attend the next meeting for council to meet K9 Drex.
- Officer Roach has started training and is a great addition to the BVRPD.
- Officer Howard has been at Rochester Area School District the since March 2nd, 2025 as their SRO Officer. They are very happy with him being there.
- Officers requested for a movie detail in freedom they will switch between four streets and stop traffic as they go. Five additional officers will be needed for traffic and they will pay for officers including overtime expenses.
 - Louis Armstrong (Mayor of Freedom) requested that 9th street be cleaned before they film. He said two officers would be needed to slow traffic and he would put together a crew to clean it up. He said that it has been at least eight years since it's been cleaned.
- Monthly Call Report
 - Please see website to view the monthly call report, <https://bvrpd-pa.gov/monthly-crime-statistics>
- Fuel Cards (WEX)
 - Council agreed to keep fuel cards as a backup for fuel or when out of county.
- AED Supplies
 - The Chief brought to the attention we need some new equipment for our AED's. Officer Piccinini put together the supplies needed, four smart pads priced at \$69.00 each and three batteries priced at \$ 205.00 each.

- **Motion** to approve AED Supplies totaling \$ 891.00
 1. **Andy Gall**
 2. **Dawn Singleton**

All in favor
- License Plate Reader Maintenance
 - Two license plate readers need maintenance, the one we share with New Brighton, needs the LPR server replaced and will split the price with them. The Conway license plate reader at 65 and 11th street also needs the recorder replaced. The repairs will cost a total of \$ 2155.00
 - **Motion** to repair the two license plate readers listed above for total price of \$ 2,155.00
 1. **Debbie Giska-Rose**
 2. **Steven Anthony**

All in favor

6. Solicitor's Report

- The report was given by the solicitor David Mitchell
- 501(c)3
 - Administrative Assistant Tori Forster ran add in the beaver county times legal section and the legal journal.
 - We are on the last few steps of obtaining the 501c3, committee needs to sign and fax papers, have to file with the IRS and send to the state.
 - The committee is going to meet to move forward
 - Scott Levenson brought up a past meeting attended by some of the commission, where they met with the grant writer Brenna Boyde to discuss available grants. She said switching the BVRPD to a 501(c)3 may have its perks with opening more opportunities for grants and fundraising. It cost a little over five thousand to set it up for the K9 and will cost about the same for the police department. The solicitor agreed this could be a good idea.
- Liability
 - The BVRPD has great coverage in place, email sent to commission containing all information, the policy also covers public officials.
- Meeting at Freedom Area School District to discuss SRO has been Scheduled for March 25th at 2:00pm at their office, Solicitors will be present.
- PMRS
 - Mr. David Mitchell spoke with treasury, they broke the check to Rochester, Rochester will send it to the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department.

7. Review Department "To Do" List

- Mr. Scott Levenson went over items on the "to do" list.
- Discussion took place on Bridgewater joining the BVRPD as full members of commission.
 - Members of the commission have met with Bridgewater Police Chief, Bridgewater Mayor, and Council to discuss merging their Police Department into the BVRPD.

- Bridgewater would be full members of the BVRPD with two council seats on the commission.
- If Bridgewater decides to move forward with joining, the estimated start date is May 1st, 2025
 1. Would like to merge early enough to have a plan in place for the “Boom” event that Bridgewater holds.
- A rough draft for the 2026 Budget with Bridgewater added, shows the potential for all municipalities to save money/ not exceed their budgeted amounts for this year.
- Two members of the Bridgewater Council attended this BVRPD commission meeting to ask questions and answer questions.
 1. They want to join the BVRPD because they will have a seat on the board and still have a say on what goes on.
 2. Bridgewater will bring it to their community so they have a chance to ask questions.
- **Motion** – Resolution 2025-01 to amend the BVRPD Master Agreement Allowing for expansion to include Bridgewater effective 5.1.2025 pending Bridgewater Council adopting a resolution or ordinance disbanding their police department to join the BVRPD, by their 4.8.2025 meeting. BVRPD Commissioners to take the resolution back to their municipalities for review and ratification as soon as possible.
 1. **Debbie Giska-Rose**
 2. **Kim Farrow**

All in Favor
- Pulaski reached out to set up a meeting to potentially contract with the BVRPD. Meeting has been set for 03/25/2025.
 - Their estimated start date is January 1st, 2026 if they decide to join.
- Hope office space
 - Waiting for them to sign contract that was given to them.
- The PD will start getting quotes to renovate the Police Department where Hope learning center currently is.
 - Also searching for grants to help cover the renovation costs.

8. Old Business

- Fuel system
 - The location picked for the fuel tank is fine, waiting on the quote for the electric.

9. Correspondence

10. New Business

- Kim Farrow from Freedom council asked if K9 Drex could be at the Car Cruise on May 17th, 2025 in Freedom.

- Becky Gallagher from Baden Borough Council brought to the attention of past BVRPD council member Michael Stuban's brother passed away. Scott Levenson would like to send a donation from the BVRPD commission.
 - The commission decided to send the donation to the Baden Library for \$100.00 for the passing of Steven Stueben.
 - **Motion** to send a \$100.00 donation to the Baden library for Steven Stuban.
 1. **Andy Gall**
 2. **Steven Anthony****All in Favor**

11. Executive Session

- Executive session not needed

12. Adjournment

- **Motion** made to end the meeting at 7:29PM
 1. **Debbie Giska-Rose**
 2. **Kim Farrow****All in Favor**

**** NEXT MEETING- THURSDAY, April 10, 2025 AT 6:00PM AT CONWAY MUNICIPAL BUILDING****