

Beaver Valley Regional Police Department

Regular Meeting Minutes

803 First Avenue, Conway, PA 15027

Thursday July 9th, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting called to order at 6:01PM by Scott Levenson, Chairman of Beaver Valley Regional Police Department Commission, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

The following members of the commission were present:

Baden: Andy Gall, Becky Gallagher

Conway: Scott Levenson, Debbie Giska- Rose, Mark Hertneky

Freedom: Kim Farrow

Rochester Twp: Steven Anthony

Also Present: Chief Michael Priolo, Tori Forster (Admin Assistant), David Mitchell (solicitor), Lieutenant Shawn Shillingburg. Present in the Audience: Cliff & Lorie Hutchison, Paul Lapic from Baden Borough, Jeff McConnell, David Piuri.

Public Comment

Cliff Hutchison of Baden Borough thanked the BVRPD police officers and commission. He raised concerns about speeding on North Avenue and nearby roads in Baden, as well as a stop sign that is difficult to see. He discussed possible solutions with the Commission to help reduce speeding and improve compliance with stop signs. Andy Gall, Mayor of Baden, explained that the regional department serves four municipalities, not only Baden, and said the matter would also be discussed at a Baden Borough Council meeting.

Minutes

Commission reviewed the regular meeting minutes from 6.11.2026

MOTION made by Debbie Giska-Rose, seconded by Kim Farrow, carried out unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes from 6.11.2026 as presented.

Administrative Assistant's Report

Monthly Reports:

List of bills: Commission reviewed the list of bills from 6.12.2026 to 7.9.2026.

MOTION made by Debbie Giska-Rose, seconded by Kim Farrow to approve the list of bills from 6.12.2026 to 7.9.2026, carried unanimously.

Budget: Commission Reviewed the 2026 Budget Report.

Treasurer's Report: Commission reviewed the Treasurer Report attached to the agenda packet.

Available bank account balances as of June 30th, 2026: General Fund \$238,847.61, Payroll \$27,399.94, Misc/Debit \$119.45, Drug Fund \$16,638.28, K9 Fund \$16,684.05, Grant Money \$107,000.00, Reserve Fund \$75,039.56.

Pension: Commission reviewed the Plan Asset Statement for June 2026.

Chief's Report

Monthly Call Report (+ YTD): 425 calls for service in June 2026, 2,468 calls YTD in 2026, and 14.6 calls on average per day.

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

K9 Summary: Commission reviewed the reports attached to agenda packet.

Updates

July 11th – Train detail with Norfolk Southern/Union Pacific, including closing the Pinney Street bridge to foot traffic only, instructing officers not to allow people to stop on Route 65, and providing overnight detail.

The computer grant will stop in September and the BVRPD will have to pay \$30 a month per computer.

Purchase of Department Cell Phones: First Net will sell the phones to the Department for \$1 a piece and they will cost \$38 a month per cell phone. Chief is looking to obtain 5 cell phones for Department heads and to have one on each shift. Women Center Domestic Violence money can be used to cover the cell phones that was not previously budgeted for this year.

MOTION was made by Debbie Giska-Rose seconded by Kim Farrow to purchase five cell phones and pay for them monthly using the funds from the Women Center. Carried Unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

Grants

Station Renovation - Work has not started, but the contractor has been using the space to paint cabinets and will provide a discount on services. The door lock will need to be changed.

Norfolk Southern Grant – No update

Baden Substation - The lock will need to be changed so Baden does not have access to the garage leased by the BVRPD. The Commission discussed who is responsible for the cost, and Solicitor Dave stated that the lease agreement should address the issue.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

New Business

Columbia Gas: Line work on Rt 65. Also, in areas of Conway: from Crows Run to Arby's. Columbia Gas has not yet requested a quote for a police detail. Mark Hertneky attended a general Zoom meeting on the project.

2027 Budget: The budget must be approved by the end of September so it can be provided for all four municipalities for their votes. A budget committee will be formed to work on the 2027 budget.

Volunteers are as follows: Baden - Becky Gallagher; Conway – Scott Levenson; Freedom – Kim Farrow; Rochester Twp – Steven Anthony.

Creating general job descriptions for each rank: Job descriptions are included in the policy.

Developing a formal organizational structure for the department based on the structure already in place informally: The Commission discussed the possibility of promoting two more corporals for each shift to have a corporal to oversee the crew. At times, only patrol officers are on duty, and this structure would provide each crew with someone with rank.

Executive Session

Motion made by Becky Gallagher and seconded by Steven Anthony to enter executive session at 7:20pm, carried unanimously.

Personnel

MOTION made by Debbie Giska-Rose and seconded by Kim Farrow to exit executive session at 8:51pm, carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION made to end the meeting at 8:52pm made by Debbie Giska-Rose and seconded by Kim Farrow, carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Tori Forster, Administrative Assistant