

BVRPD March Meeting

Thursday

6:00PM

3.14.24

Attendance: All noted as "HERE"

Commissioners:

- Mark Hertneky
- Judi Montell
- Steven Anthony
- Michael Stuban
- Scott Levenson
- Patty Then
- Kim Farrow
- Mike Lucci
- Nadine Padezanin

Chief of Police, Adam Johnston also in attendance.

First topic of meeting: Received the prior missing meeting minutes from Administrator Elaine Rakovan & Commission Secretary, Debbie Giska-Rose.

Made the motion to approve prior meeting minutes.

- 1st Michael Stuban
- 2nd Mark Hertneky

All in favor.

Administrative Report

- Scott Levenson, Chair of the BVRPD Commission, discussed general funds:
 - Overall \$158K expenses in DEC (Payroll/expenses)
 - Over \$16K drug funds
 - Reviewing various funds

Chief Report: Given by BVRPD Chief, Adam Johnston

- Review last month activity.
 - February Incidents, highlights:
 - *Freedom Middle School PTA theft-discussion*
 - *Chief noted funds returned to PTA +\$14K*
 - *Freedom Cars Break in.*
 - *Suspect arrested next day.*
- Police Cruisers: repairs made & back in service.
- Beaver County Humane Society – signed & in service.
- Officer Darren Jones assigned as fulltime SRO officer for Class Academy.
- Rochester Township Police Department
 - Large items removed.

- Final step: Shread all paperwork -- Dumpster

BVRPD GYM

- Gym equipment delivery (ETA wk of 4/29)
- Quote from Phillip Schmidt to paint the gym area – (*\$1.2K could be labor.*)
- Sherwin Williams - Baden
 - Scott to put the letter together; Nadine Padezanin & Scott Levenson to see them in person.
 - 10-12 gallons paint (possible half price)
 - Ceiling and the wall the same color
 - Chief Adam Johnston noted, ‘Cleaning Party’ – Anyone want to help?
 - **Made the motion** to paint the gym & not to exceed \$1.7K.
 - 1st Michael Stuban, 2nd Mike Lucci
 - All in favor.
- Install Steel door – Ambridge Lumber - Glenn Sylvester
 - **Made the motion** \$2.6K: 1st Michael Stuban, 2nd Kim Farrow
 - All in favor.
- Quote JB Concrete drainage issue – 5ft wide sidewalk (keep Gym clean)
 - **Made the motion** \$2.5K: 1st Michael Stuban, 2nd Steven Anthony
 - All in favor.
- Crime Star --- Need another license \$3250, then \$350 a year.
 - Need it now, calls & reports.
 - **Made the motion** (\$’s noted above): 1st Michael Stuban, 2nd Judi Montell
 - All in favor.

***Above Chief Report summarizes discussion, additional details can be found in the submitted March report.*

Any Questions for Chief Adam Johnston – Commission had none.

BVRPD Commission Chair, Scott Levenson moved on to next topic of discussion:

To-Do list: *Commission Chair, Scott Levenson*

New municipalities?

Pulaski:

- Chairman Levenson discussed a recent conversation with the Pulaski Supervisors Chairman. Pulaski will consider and reach out with their decision. If we’re going forward, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss and finalize details.

Other potential areas for BVRPD expansion:

- Daughtery Township:
 - Large square footage area
 - Low call volume (mentioned multiple times)
 - Their current contract good until 2025

- Estimated current contract approx.. \$223K for 2025
- BVRPD would need to add additional officers (1 to 4)
- Assumption they could possibly want to join in the future.

No other comments related to expanding into additional Beaver County Municipalities.

To Do List continued:

- Grant Writer
 - Scott Levenson & Chief Adam Johnston met with the new grant writer at Class Academy.
 - Thought is he may be able to help us write some grants.
 - Potentially assist with the entire process of securing the grant.
- Pension – nothing new.
- Equipment – nothing new.
- Vests - nothing new.
- School Resource Officer – Officer Darren Jones is at Class Academy.
 - Another officer expressed interest in SRO training.
 - Within budget for additional officer to attend training class.
 - Help offset/fill in for current SRO time off (vacation, leave, PTO)
- Evidence Room
- BVRPD Parking lot (Conway):
 - Baden donated a few police signs for parking lot.
 - Mike Lucci (Rochester Township) has signs that can be donated – at least 2-3 signs.
 - Mark Hertneky noted that Conway Borough will be moving the playground gate.
- Firearms – Guy hurt, should be back in a month or so.
- BVRPD Shirts/hats
 - DONATION: Chief Adam Johnston noted that Jimmy Maggs wants to receive the bill for the baseball and winter hats for the BVRPD officers.

BVRPD Officer Dog:

- Create a police dog committee --- need to detail a plan.
- Search & rescue, drug dog --- No one is opposed further look into.
- Some Benefits discussed:
 - Walk through the community schools.
 - Have at the various community days.
- Need additional information regarding the costs. (Estimates/Forecast TL Cost)
 - Costs mentioned but not limited to:
 - New vehicle
 - Vet Bills
 - General care: Food & Upkeep
 - Officer Training
- Legal work (create a policy to put in place)
- Chief Johnston noted that one of our current Officers has a lot of knowledge
- Work with Beaver Falls (Chief & officer started this within Beaver County)

- Reach out for guidance/advice/suggestions.
- Get organized – fundraising.
 - Ideas: Flyers? Businesses to donate.
 - Help from the community.
- Finances: Organize/plan how to get money to BVRPD Administrator, Elaine Rakovan.

Need to create a Dog subcommittee to focus:

- Nadine Padezanin (Chair)
- Michael Stuban
- Judi Montell
- Patty Then
- Scott Levenson and others (help as needed)

Police DRONE – Technology advances

- Officer is going to a class – demonstration on drones.
 - Chief Johnston commented that the officer has prior experience with drones.
- Continued interest to discuss and investigate for the BVRPD.
- Multiple benefits for police department, i.e. investigations.

Anything else within the “to-do” list – Commission had nothing to add.

Old Business:

- Scott Levenson noted that Debbie Giska-Rose talked to the light on the side of the building. Mark Hertneky said that the light guy was going to check on the location.

New Business:

- Public commentary – none.

Motion to made to go into executive session.

- 1st Mike Lucci, 2nd Judi Montell.
- All in favor.

Motion to come out of executive session.

- 1st Judi Montell, 2nd Mike Lucci.
- All in favor.

Motion to end meeting:

- 1st Steven Anthony, 2nd Patty Then.
- All in favor.