

CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
January 5, 2023

The January 5, 2023 meeting of the Central Berks Regional Police Commission was called to order at 6:36 PM by Solicitor Merolla. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Commissioners answering roll call included Ryan Maurer, John Theodossiou, James Oswald, Todd Weikel, and Joseph Cunliffe. Also, in attendance was Mark Merolla, Solicitor; Raymond Serafin, Chief of Police; and Rochelle Gresh, Executive Asst. to the Chief of Police. Audience members in attendance were Jim Lorah and Don Pottiger. Troy Goodman arrived at 6:44PM.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT – Michael Light from the American Legion Post #878 presented the Chief of Police with a painted milk can.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER

Ryan Maurer was nominated for Chair. John Theodossiou was nominated for Vice-Chair. Mr. Weikel was nominated for Treasurer and Mr. Cunliffe was nominated for Secretary.

MOTION TO: nominate Ryan Maurer for Chairman, John Theodossiou for Vice-Chairman, Joseph Cunliffe for Secretary, and Todd Weikel as Treasurer

MOTION BY: Mr. Maurer SECONDED BY: Mr. Oswald VOICE VOTE: All in favor

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Michael Janvrin from Atlas Wealth partners gave the Commission an update on the pension.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO: approve the November 3, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION BY: Mr. Theodossiou SECONDED BY: Mr. Oswald VOICE VOTE: All in favor

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION TO: approve accounts payable & payroll invoices from General Fund as of November 30, 2022 in the amount of \$383,488.43.

MOTION BY: Mr. Oswald SECONDED BY: Mr. Theodossiou VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION TO: approve accounts payable & payroll invoices from General Fund as of December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$321,457.25.

MOTION BY: Mr. Oswald SECONDED BY: Mr. Cunliffe VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION TO: approve Treasurer's Report for November 2022 in the amount of \$353,781.83.

MOTION BY: Mr. Theodossiou SECONDED BY: Mr. Oswald VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION TO: approve Treasurer's Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$450,780.98

MOTION BY: Mr. Oswald SECONDED BY: Mr. Theodossiou VOICE VOTE: All in favor

SOLICITORS REPORT: Oley contract was executed in December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Personnel: Discussion was held on assistant chief or equivalent position. Discussion was held and it was agreed to add this to agenda at the end of the year to start the search for this position in 2024.

MOTION TO: retroactively promote to 1st Class Patrol Officers effective 12/2/2022- DiPietrantonio & Kreimendahl

MOTION BY: Mr. Maurer SECONDED BY: Mr. Weikel VOICE VOTE: All in favor

MOTION TO: approve the 2023 Chief Contract.

MOTION BY: Mr. Theodossiou SECONDED BY: Mr. Weikel VOICE VOTE: All in favor

2023 Resolutions

- a. Resolution 01-23 Adoption of fee schedule for 2023
- b. Resolution 02-23 Appointment of Engle-Hambright & Davies, Inc., as insurance agent
- c. Resolution 03-23 Appointment of OneAmerica as life insurance and long-term carrier
- d. Resolution 04-23 Appointment of MRM WC Pooled Trust as worker's compensation carrier
- e. Resolution 05-23 Appointment of Feaster Pension Consulting, Inc. as plan administrator for the Central Berks Regional Police Pension Plan
- f. Resolution 06-23 Appointment of Duda Acturial Consulting, as actuary for the Central Berks Regional Police Pension Plan
- g. Resolution 07-23 Appointment of Atlas Wealth Partners as financial advisor for the Central Berks Regional Police Pension Plan
- h. Resolution 08-23 Appointment of Brumbach, Mancuso & Fegley P.C. as solicitor for the Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- i. Resolution 09-23 Appointment of Rochelle Gresh as Open Records Officer
- j. Resolution 10-23 Appointment of Rochelle Gresh as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for the Central Berks Regional Police Commission
- k. Resolution 11-23 Appointment of Herbein & Company, Inc. as financial auditor for the Central Berks Regional Police Commission

MOTION TO: approve Resolutions 01-23 through 11-23

MOTION BY: Mr. Oswald SECONDED BY: Mr. Cunliffe VOICE VOTE: All in favor.

Finance: No Report

Insurance/Pension: No Report

Building/Equipment:

Chief commented that police garage is expected to be completed by spring. Solicitor Merolla stated the lease agreement with AVMA is completed and waiting on approval from AVMA.

REPORTS OF THE CHIEF AND SECRETARY:

Chief: Chief Serafin presented his monthly report for November and December 2022. The Shop with a Cop event held in December was successful with 21 kids in attendance. Discussion was held on what

the municipalities needed to do with the TSMA agreement. Chief commented on the 2023 budget increase and how the police are getting a lot of backlash and are being blamed for the increase and recommends that the municipality leaders need to address this to the public.

Secretary: The 2021 audit was not completed yet. Herbein will start the 2022 audit earlier so that it will be completed by the end of the year.

UPDATES:

Lower Alsace Township: No report

Mount Penn Borough: No report

Police Association: No Report

Codes: Will have a year end report for the next commission meeting. Discussion was held on property transfers and rental inspections.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023 at 6:30PM at the Mount Penn Borough municipal building.

MOTION TO: adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM

MOTION BY: Mr. Maurer SECONDED BY: Mr. Weikel VOICE VOTE: All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochelle M. Gresh,
Executive Assistant to Chief of Police