

CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
May 4, 2023

The May 4, 2023 meeting of the Central Berks Regional Police Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Ryan Maurer. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Commissioners answering roll call included Ryan Maurer, John Theodossiou, Todd Weikel, Troy Goodman, 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. Absent: James Oswald.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO: approve the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION TO: approve accounts payable & payroll invoices from General Fund as of March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$182,460.35

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

MOTION TO: approve accounts payable & payroll invoices from General Fund as of April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$271,176.69

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

MOTION TO: approve Treasurer's Report for March 2023 in the amount of \$297,138.69

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

MOTION TO: approve Treasurer's Report for April 2023 in the amount of \$409,931.48

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Personnel:

Hiring of School Resource Officer- Discussion was held on the hiring of a school resource officer (SRO) for Antietam School District. The SRO officer position will be a permanent position for the school district and paid for by the school district during the time school is in session. During the summer and school breaks the SRO will be an extra patrol officer for the police department. Goodman asked what occurs if the SRO is out for an extended time. Serafin responded that we are in the early stages of the agreement and that we will make sure that issue would be addressed. Solicitor mentioned that the negotiation with the school district on this has been going well. Mount Penn will discuss the SRO with borough council as far as the extra cost for an extra officer during the summer. Theodossiou commented that he feels having a school resource officer is fundamental to our residents. The police department will then be hiring two police officers now with Antietam school district wanting a school resource officer.

We have received several applications for the police officer (s) position. The deadline for the applicants is May 12, 2023.

Finance: Audit 2021 has been completed.

Insurance/Pension: Discussion was held on the non-uniform retirement plan in regard to the costs and withdrawal. Weikel suggested reaching out to Janvrin to discuss our concerns with the plan.

Building/Equipment: The garage is almost completed waiting for the paving and topsoil to be completed. We expect to get occupancy soon. If extra funds are available, we plan on getting gutter guards for the garage.

REPORTS OF THE CHIEF AND SECRETARY:

Chief: Chief Serafin presented his monthly report for March and April 2023. Garage grant was closed out last month.

Secretary: New Facebook page was created and in process of transitioning to it.

UPDATES:

Lower Alsace Township: None

Mount Penn Borough: Hired a full-time Secretary/Treasurer and in process of hiring a part-time codes secretary.

Police Association: No Report

Codes: Discussion held on a new printer /scanner for the codes department. Lower Alsace Township is willing to pay for the printer scanner that was not budgeted for the codes department after review of price quotes. Discussion was held on the codes violation process.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION TO: adjourn the meeting at 7:28PM

MOTION BY: Mr. Maurer

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochelle M. Gresh,
Executive Assistant to Chief of Police