

CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
September 7, 2023

The September 7, 2023, meeting of the Central Berks Regional Police Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice-Chairman John Theodossiou. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. Theodossiou stepped out at 6:38 to 6:40 PM and from 6:52 to 6:54PM and Commissioner Oswald ran the meeting for those time periods.

Commissioners answering roll call included John Theodossiou, James Oswald, Todd Weikel, and Troy Goodman. Also, in attendance was Mark Merolla, Solicitor; Raymond Serafin, Chief of Police; and Rochelle Gresh, Executive Asst. to the Chief of Police. Absent: Ryan Maurer.

Members of the audience in attendance are Mayor of St. Lawrence Corrie Zana and one Oley resident.

NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY FOR COMMISSION: Commission decided to wait until January 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO: approve the July 5, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

MOTION TO: approve accounts payable & payroll invoices from General Fund as of July 31, 2023, in the amount of \$379,292.30.

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

MOTION TO: approve accounts payable & payroll invoices from General Fund as of August 30, 2023, in the amount of \$279,125.57.

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

MOTION TO: approve Treasurer's Report for July 2023 in the amount of \$489,146.02 and August 2023 in the amount of \$577,540.80.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Personnel: Hiring of police officer (s): No discussion.

Finance: Audit 2022 completed. We received a clean auditor's opinion. Budget is in process for 2024. Our contract is up with Herbein this year. Discussion was held on Auditor for 2023 through 2025. The

Commission requested Rochelle to get a quote from Herbein to handle our audit for the next three years. Discussion was held on direct deposit for all employees.

MOTION TO: have all Central Berks Police Department employees pay be direct deposited to their accounts as of January 1, 2024.

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

MOTION TO: have Letter of Engagement for 2022 audit retroactively signed as of August 3, 2023, by Weikel.

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

Insurance/Pension:

MOTION TO: accept the 2024 MMO in the amount of \$366,225.00.

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

MOTION TO: establish the officers 5% contribution to the pension.

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

TRA cost-consider another plan-Discussion was held on the non-uniform retirement plan in regard to the costs and annual withdrawal from a participant. This was tabled to next meeting.

Building/Equipment: Discussion was held on the bids received and the possibility to rebid to repair the roof like the borough did with their roof.

REPORTS OF THE CHIEF AND SECRETARY:

Chief: Chief Serafin presented his monthly report for July and August 2023. Awards were given to several officers last month. The recipients were:

Exceptional Duty- Officer Christopher DiPietrantonio

Meritorious- Detective Joseph Taimanglo

Honorable Service- Wesley Erney

Unit Citation (s)- Sgt Matthew Mace, Ofc Jeremy Smith, Ofc. Joshua Steingraber, Ofc. Bryan Cilento & Ofc. Nicholas Phillips.

Secretary: No Report

UPDATES:

Lower Alsace Township: None

Mount Penn Borough: Discussion was held on the traffic during school drop off and pick up times.

Police Association: No Report

Codes: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor of St. Lawrence Corrie Zana commented that there were several car accidents in St. Lawrence Borough on St. Lawrence Avenue recently.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION TO: adjourn the meeting at 7:13PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochelle M. Gresh,
Executive Assistant to Chief of Police