



ALLEGHENY VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ALLEGHENY VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Stoneburner at 4:30 p.m. at the Cheswick Borough Building located at 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

- Rick Stoneburner – Chairperson
- Dan Carroll – Vice-Chairperson
- Amy Kuhns – Commissioner
- Ken Igo – Commissioner
- Brad Yaksich – Commissioner
- Anthony Taliani, Jr. – Commissioner
- Chief Michael Naviglia
- Pam Manning – Secretary
- Jaclyn Shaw – Solicitor – ABSENT

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Rick Schwartz, President of Springdale Township Commissioners was present. Mr. Schwartz had questions for the Board regarding the use of municipal employees to move the command center. Discussion followed regarding the information received from each municipality's insurance carrier regarding the movement of the command center in the event of an emergency or a community event.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

The Chief read the monthly report for March 2024. A total of 148 Events: 4 Incidents, 8 Traffic Collisions, 21 Citations, and 23 EMS. The monthly mileage report was also presented to the Board. Mileage being tracked for usage to establish a policy/time line when ordering new police vehicles.

GENERAL OFFICE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Carroll to approve the meeting minutes for the February 13, 2024 regular and reorganization meeting, 2nd by Commissioner Yaksich. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Carroll to approve the bill list as provided for March 2024, 2nd by Commissioner Taliani. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Discussion regarding the replacement of vehicles and value of current vehicles. The Chief advised that there is approximately a six month wait time for delivery of a police car following the order. Vehicles are ordered through the Co-Star program. Chief recommends the Ford Explorer in keeping with a unified fleet and the 100,000-mile warranty that Ford offers. Following the discussion, it was decided that Allegheny Valley Regional Police Department should budget for two new vehicles per each year to maintain a fleet of eight vehicles. The Chief was advised to order two vehicles with one being delivered in the fall and one being delivered in the beginning of 2025. The secretary/treasurer was directed to obtain financing information.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Kuhns to reinstate former East Deer Officer Joseph Naviglia as a seasonal part-time police officer, 2nd by Commissioner Igo. Discussion followed regarding that as seasonal, the Officer would be available for special events and summer hours. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Discussion regarding the updates to the Policy & Procedure Manual as per the recommendations of the Chiefs of Police Association. The Chief explained the different versions regarding the Use of Force. Commissioner Yaksich asked for clarification of supervisors for the policy. The Chief explained that the supervisors for AVRPD would be himself and the Sergeant. This updated policy will be on the agenda for the April meeting. Secretary noted that all updated policies are provided to our insurance carrier as required. All other policies will be on future agendas as the Chief and Solicitor review.
3. Commissioner Carroll asked if he as the Mayor of Cheswick could be informed of events that occur in Cheswick to advise his residents. Chairperson Stoneburner reminded the Board that it was previously discussed how the chain of events occur following any major incidents. Commissioner Igo asked if there was a media policy in place. Discussion followed and a reminder that there should be no comments as there are ongoing police investigations.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Igo expressed concerns about liability using municipal vehicles to move the command center. Following a discussion, the Board decided to wait to see how much usage there would be in moving the center.
2. K9 Carr received his stab/bullet proof vest through a grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Carroll asked the Chief who bears the responsibility of having derelict cars removed from resident's homes. The Chief explained that if the vehicles are on the street, the police department can have them removed. On private property, the code enforcement officer has the authority for removal.
2. The Civil Service Board had their first official meeting on March 5, 2024 at which positions were appointed. Civil Service will administer a written test on March 14th with applicants for part-time officers. The Chief and secretary explained the role of the Civil Service Board and their responsibilities in providing the names of qualified applicants for AVRPD Board approval for hiring.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Kuhns to adjourn at 5:38 p.m., 2nd by Commissioner Yaksich.