



ALLEGHENY VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ALLEGHENY VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Department Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dan Carroll at 4:31 p.m. at the Cheswick Borough Building located at 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Angela Hare, Spring Street of Springdale Township questioned about a registered pedophile and possible drug dealers on the street; she stated that the department does not patrol the street. The Chief explained that other agencies are responsible for reporting requirements for individuals charged as pedophiles. The smell of marijuana does not implicate someone as a dealer with the laws legalizing medical use. If a resident witnesses a drug deal, they should call 911 to report it.
2. Shelly Cooper, Spring Street of Springdale Township complained that there is speeding on Spring Street and that parking is a concern.
3. Jean Hall, Spring Street of Springdale Township complained that she does not see the police patrolling daily.
4. Fran Martin, Spring Street of Springdale Township complained about speeding, lack of knowing her neighbors and the need for a handicap sign at her residence. She was advised to contact Springdale Township for a handicap sign.

The Chief explained that the speeding and parking concerns were most likely caused by other residents of Spring Street as it is a dead-end street. The Landlord for the trailers in the back of the street resides out of the state; therefore, he no longer has

a contact in knowing the residents. He is to follow up with the concerns regarding Spring Street.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

The Chief read his monthly report for the month of September 2024. A total of 178 Events: 50 Incidents, 11 Arrests, 10 Adults, 1 Juvenile, 3 Traffic Collisions, 29 Citations and 45 EMS. He noted that the reporting system had changed. The Bus Patrol program has now been reactivated. Truck is waiting for final installations and will then be in service. The Command Center Trailer is at Valero's to have a 12-volt system installed.

GENERAL OFFICE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Igo to approve the meeting minutes from the September 10, 2024 regular monthly meeting, 2nd by Commissioner Kuhns. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Commissioner Taliani to approve the meeting minutes from the special budget meeting on September 24, 2024, 2nd by Commissioner Kuhns. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Taliana to approve the bill list as provided for October 2024, 2nd by Commissioner Igo. Motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Igo to accept the mutual aid agreement with Harmar Township and the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Department, 2nd by Commissioner Yaksich. Discussion followed with the Chief explaining and Solicitor agreeing that mutual aid falls under the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Commissioner Igo to replace cameras at the New Kensington bridge and eliminate the monthly fee with Comcast, 2nd by Commissioner Kuhns. Discussion followed regarding the age of current cameras. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The approved AVRPD 2025 budget has been submitted to the managers of East Deer Township, Cheswick Borough and Springdale Township. The municipalities are working on their 2025 budgets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AVRPD was awarded \$1,053.81 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance towards the cost of a bullet proof vest. The Chief applies each time that grant becomes available. The Sgt. will be the next to receive a new vest.

2. The annual financial audit is nearly completed and the report should be available for the November meeting.
3. The Chief advised that Officer Okonak has requested that his status with AVRPD be changed to *as needed* for seasonal employment as he was recently hired with Verona Police Department at a higher salary and included PTO.
4. Halloween Coverage was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. Motion by Commissioner Yaksich to adjourn at 5:13 p.m., 2nd by Commissioner Igo.