

**PUBLIC MEETING  
YORK AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
APRIL 13, 2017**

A public meeting of the York Area Regional Police Commission was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the York Area Regional Police Building, 33 Oak St., York, PA 17402.

Those present were, Jo Anna Shovlin, Commissioner, Albert Granholm, Commissioner, Richard Saylor, Commissioner, Paul Knepper, Commissioner, Rodney Sechrist, Commissioner, Ronald Smith, Commissioner, Timothy Damon, Chief of Police, Steven Hovis, Solicitor and Tracy Fleming, Business Administrator.

Commissioner Shovlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Price was representing the York County School of Technology because none of the administrators from the school were available to attend this meeting. There is concern from the residents of Spangler Meadows Development of the speeding in their neighborhood at the start of the school day and the end of the school day. There was a discussion on how to resolve this problem. The Chief stated there was some traffic enforcement done there today.

**POLICE OFFICER AWARDS**

Chief Damon explained how the awards are determined by the Department. There is an Awards Committee which consists of the Officers.

Corporal Boyce is receiving a Letter of Commendation for several actions that he did in January. The first one was on January 7, 2017 for a hit and run on Freysville Road in Windsor Township, Corporal Boyce spent time that evening checking the local roads and did locate the vehicle. On the same date the Department had taken a burglary report in York Township and subsequently obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. The suspect was known to be operating a stolen vehicle. Corporal Boyce was able to locate the vehicle with some information from an adjacent jurisdiction. On January 17, 2017 Corporal Boyce responded to a hit and run on Corbin Road in York Township. Corporal Boyce was able to locate the driver who was arrested for a DUI.

Officer Hess, Jr. is receiving a Letter of Commendation for an incident on January 15, 2017. An armed robbery was reported at a convenience store in Dallastown. There was a description of the vehicle involved which Officer Hess, Jr. was able to locate during his shift that evening.

Officer Cohick and Officer Eckert each received the Chief's Commendation award. While responding to a call in York Township, they spotted an individual in all black. As they got closer to him they noticed he was wearing a ski mask. They engaged in a foot pursuit and

apprehended the individual who had a backpack full of stolen items. They each received the Chief's Commendation because it resulted in a felony arrest.

Commissioner Shovlin thanked the Officers that were honored tonight from her and the Commission.

### **APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2017**

Commissioner Granholm made a motion to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Smith, motion carried. Commissioner Saylor did not vote because he was not in attendance at the March 9, 2017 meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Damon stated he received a letter from two different individuals thanking the Department for their service and for helping one of their family members that has an addiction problem.

Chief Damon advised the Commissioners a letter was received from Kristen Phillips-Hill's office stating she will support the radar bill.

Officer Price received an email from a resident in Spangler Meadows development thanking the Department for the traffic enforcement the other day.

The Chief stated a letter was received from Representative Stan Saylor's office on the PA State Police coverage. The Chief highlighted a few items in the letter. They feel this is a legislative priority.

There was a discussion on the bills being proposed by Representative Saylor and Representative Sturla.

### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT**

Chief Damon stated the Civil Service Commission met last Thursday and recessed the meeting to a date to be determined. The Chief advised the Commissioners when the recessed meeting is reconvened they will prepare a new hiring list and address amendments to the Civil Service rules. Attorney Hovis reviewed the amendments. Attorney Hovis also stated we need to reach out to the York Area Regional Police Association for their approval. Attorney Hovis provided the Commissioners a packet with the proposed changes. He would like them to review the changes for the next meeting so a vote can be taken for their approval.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Grants – There was nothing to report.

Monthly Reports – Tracy Fleming reviewed the Monthly Reports. She stated gasoline for March 2017 was \$4,686.60. Tracy Fleming stated the amount in account 610.730 Capital Purchases-Building is for painting that was carried over from 2016. She also stated the difference in account 610.750 Transfer to Capital Reserve is the carryover from 2016 that was transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Tracy Fleming stated she did discuss with Jennifer CruverKibi from Maher Duessel the Capital Reserve Fund. It is really not a separate fund. The Commission can approve all expenses over \$1,000.00 and can also pay for items less than \$1,000.00 out of that fund. She stated she would recommend the Department only capitalize items over \$5,000.00.

Approval of Expenses for March 1 – March 31, 2017 - \$538,329.89

Commissioner Shovlin asked for a motion to approve the expenses for March 1 – March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$538,329.89. A motion to approve the expenses was made by Commissioner Granholm, seconded by Commissioner Saylor, motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Hovis stated he had two items for Executive Session.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Damon stated the Department has been doing some traffic enforcement. As stated earlier enforcement is being done in the Spangler Meadows development due to the problem with the York County School of Technology students. The Chief stated the Department will continue this enforcement and make it more consistent to hopefully break this habit.

Chief Damon advised the Commissioners there were two fires in York Township this past month. One was on New School Lane and another was on Hill-N-Dale North. There was also a small engine plane crash in Windsor Township.

Chief Damon informed the Commissioners the Department has had ten heroin related overdoses this year which resulted in four deaths.

Chief Damon advised the Commission that last evening Officer Hess, Jr. was setting up the ENRADD system on Cape Horn Road. He clocked an individual going 116 mph in a 40 mph speed section. Officer Hess, Jr. was able to stop the individual because the violator got stuck in traffic.

Chief Damon said there has been 37 volunteer hours in this past quarter. All the hours were put in by George McGee. The Chief informed the Commissioners he did receive applications for two new volunteers.

Chief Damon stated he did purchase the building permit today to start the generator project.

The Chief informed the Commissioners he provided them with a Crime Intervention Alarm (CIA) proposal. The Chief stated a camera went down in the Detective interview room which started this process. The Chief said the Department is currently operating on an analog system and they suggest the Department go to a digital system. The Chief reviewed with the Commissioners all the things the new system could do. The Chief stated this was an unexpected expense so it was not budgeted. Commissioner Granholm made a motion to purchase the new camera system from Crime Intervention Alarm (CIA) in the amount of

\$5,300.00 and take the money from the Capital Reserve Fund or the General Reserve Fund, seconded by Commissioner Saylor, motion carried.

The Chief stated he will be attending the PA Regional Chief's meeting on April 21, 2017 and is sure there will be lots of discussion on the legislation for the PA State Police and the radar bills.

The Chief informed the Commissioners on April 22, 2017 the Department will be having a mock assessment for the Accreditation. The actual Accreditation is scheduled for May 24 and May 25, 2017.

The Chief advised the Commissioners he attended the Windsor Borough meeting earlier this month and it is their intention to leave the Department at the end of the year.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Smith had no comments.

Commissioner Sechrist had no comments.

Commissioner Knepper stated he reads the incident report and it amazes him all the stuff that goes on in our jurisdiction. He also commented on the PA State Police bill and the radar bill. He asked the Chief about the new law making a left hand turn on a red light. The Chief explained the law.

Commissioner Saylor thanked George McGee for volunteering.

Commissioner Granholm thanked everyone who responded to the fire in York Township at Hill-N-Dale. He informed the Commissioner that last week there was an information meeting with Benecon. They gave an update on healthcare and different options available to the Department. He told everyone to get pushing for the radar bill. He reviewed Representative Sturla's bill regarding the PA State Police.

Commissioner Shovlin suggested to the Chief that maybe he can get the other Chiefs at the Regional Police Chiefs meeting to start writing letters to the legislators. She also thanked George McGee for his volunteer time. She wanted to give kudos to the Officers doing the Aggressive Driving detail. She has seen them pulling people over left and right. She also wanted to acknowledge Officer Dyke for he is now the President of the Board of Directors of People that Care Youth Center in Red Lion. She also thanked the Department for helping Windsor Township with the plane crash. She thanked Commissioner Granholm for setting up the meeting with Benecon. She wished everyone a happy Easter and to drive safe.

The Commission recessed for an executive session at 6:50 pm to discuss personnel issues and litigation.

The Commission reconvened at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Granholm to impose the discipline for Officer Morris suggested by Chief Damon, seconded by Commissioner Saylor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Granholm to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm, seconded by Commissioner Saylor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted and recorded by,

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**UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

May 11, 2017

August 10, 2017

November 8, 2017

June 8, 2017

September 14, 2017

December 14, 2017

July 13, 2017

October 12, 2017

January 11, 2018

**Others Present:**

George McGee

Greg Gruendler

Jennifer Gunnet

Tobin Zech

Kelly Eckert

Kylie Eckert

Gary Moyer

Mario Eckert

Mark Price

James Hess, Jr.

Christopher Boyce

Mathew Eckert

Adam Cohick

Gillian Boyce