**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018**

**TIME: 7:30 A.M.**

**PLACE: BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Comm. Nault at 7:30 a.m.

**II. Roll Call:** Commissioners Jerry Nault, Marc Tremblay, and Pierre Morin were present.

**Others Present:**  Chief Morency, Deputy Chief Buteau, and Jenn Cloutier

**Recorded by:** Lisa Arguin

**III. Acceptance of Minutes of June 7, 2018:** Comm. Morin noted an incorrect word which will be corrected; minutes were unanimously accepted as corrected, on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

**IV**. **Monthly Financial Report:** The report was reviewed. The majority of year-end savings resulted from benefit changes, Officer Imperial being away for military service, and from schedule changes intended to prevent excessive overtime. The report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin.

**V. Old Business**

1. **Phone System:** The new system is in use as of this week. Arcomm has done great work and will be following-up to address any concerns.

1. **Opioid Litigation**: Language issues have been resolved, and the New York firm has been retained.
2. **Radio Reprogramming:** Ossipee Mt. Electronics successfully completed all reprogramming. The Fire Department is no longer using the PD’s tactical repeater.
3. **COPsync**: COPsync is no longer being used, and the Police and School Departments will meet to discuss a different alert system provider.
4. **Regional Training:** Multiple agencies participated in OHRV, range, and active shooter/school incident training, including Gorham, Colebrook, and Groveton Police Departments and the NH Division of Forests & Lands. Lt. Godin is an outstanding instructor. All comments were positive, and many participants stated they were impressed with the level of in-depth training provided. The Gorham Police Department sent a card signed by all officers thanking the BPD for the training.
5. **Budget**: The budget passed without further changes, and a copy of the final budget was provided to the Commission.
6. **Other:** The deputy chief was pleased to be able to provide a photo and badge to former BPD Officer Phil Faucher’s son. Officer Faucher served in the late 1960’s.
   * Roger Dana has been found competent to stand trial.

**VI. New Business**

1. **Dispatching for Fire Request:** The PD currently dispatches for the Fire Department when they are out on a call. Chief Lacasse would like to explore the possibility of the PD dispatching for them 24/7, now that his department is down one position.
2. **Indictment on Théberge Case:**  The case will be heard in Merrimack County.
3. **Resignation:** Officer Myles Chouinard will be moving to Nevada and submitted his two-week notice; his last day is today. He has done an excellent job and will be missed. Chief Morency anticipates the position will be filled within six months.
4. **91-A Request:** A request for records has been received and has been acknowledged in writing. The response will be issued within thirty days, unless the incident is still under investigation. Chief Morency has contacted NH State Police for an independent review and is awaiting their response.
5. **NH PSTC Changes:**  PSTC is reprioritizing; they intend to increase training on mental health awareness, personal health, opioid and dangerous drugs, critical incident response, and high-liability areas.
6. **Homicide/Suicide Case:** Events following the homicide transpired in a contained radius, thanks to inter-agency cooperation and technology.
7. **Opioid Funding**: The total grant award received is $30,000 and is intended for the entire Coös County and Littleton.
8. **Statistics**: Statistics were reviewed.

At 8:15 a.m., on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay, the Commission digressed from the regular order of business to enter a non-meeting per RSA 91-A:2(b). Public session reconvened at 8:20 a.m., at which time Comm. Morin exited for an appointment. The Commission then went into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II. (a), (b), & (e) on a roll call vote with Commissioners Tremblay and Nault voting in the affirmative. Public session reconvened at 8:30 a.m. There were no votes taken in non-public session.

1. **Correspondence**: Thank you notes were received from John Arguin for his “Call to Duty” Memorial Book Award, and the Gorham Police Department and Jake Pelletier for the BPD’s active shooter training.
   * Invitations were received to the NHPSTC 176th Academy Graduation and Mike Perreault’s retirement party.
   * Sig Sauer has issued a notice regarding their P320 model.
2. **Other**. Fee Schedule: The PD’s schedule was discussed. In order to maintain due process, the chief intends to implement a procedure for those who are indigent.
3. **Public Comments**: None.
4. **Adjournment of Public Meeting:** At 8:50 a.m., public session adjourned unanimously on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Nault. Due to scheduling, there will be no August meeting. The September meeting will be held Thursday September 6, 2018 at 7:30 a.m., unless a need for an earlier meeting arises.