

**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION**

DATE: Wednesday, August 11, 2021
TIME: 7:30 A.M.
PLACE: BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

I. Call to Order: 07:32 am

II. Roll Call: Commissioners Nault, Tremblay, and Morin were present.

Others Present: Deputy Chief Buteau and Jennifer Cloutier.

Recorded by: Kimberly Bijeau

III. Acceptance of Minutes of June 10, 2021. There was an amendment made with reference to Lacasse in the non-public minutes. There was question whether Lacasse struck the subject in hand and not head. With reference to the Chorus Intelligence Suit; Comm. Tremblay requested it be documented that he is not in agreement with the program due to violation of rights. There was also a correction with the word trial vs trail. Minutes were unanimously accepted as amended on a motion from Comm. Tremblay seconded by Comm. Morin.

IV. Monthly Financial Report: Reports were reviewed and discussed. The financial report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

V. Old Business

- A. Hands free project:** Deputy Chief provided the Commission with an update. The department had purchased approx. 40 devices. Jenn advised that there are approximately ten left that people haven't yet picked up.
- B. Complaint / Commendation Form:** Add a section to the form requesting that they provide a recommendation with reference to what they would like to see as an outcome. It is felt this will help with the department's decisions moving forward. The forms are now listed online to make it easier for people to access.
- C. ATV Invasion:** The event was cancelled last minute. The department still assigned extra officers to patrol and it was busy but not overly bad. The Commission noted that the trails were very busy.
- D. Furnace Inspection:** Issue on furnace was all set as it was found to have an internal device.
- E. Obstacle Course Completion:** Don Gendron developed over a short period of time

with little expense and a lot of donations. The course is now complete. The intention is to combine training with obstacle(s) (7) and then firearms training. There is room to expand the course in the future. One of the local sports teams has requested to use the course and the department will be coming up with a sign off form with reference to liability. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in September. There was discussion with reference to the potential for not only other departments to utilize the course but also possibly the Department of Corrections.

F. Other: Golf update. Up to 80 players. Mom's donated a AR-15

VI. New Business

A. Opioid Litigation: Question on what the estimate was that was turned in from the city. Discussion ensued with reference to same.

B. Meeting with Primex reference Claims: Set as result of a complaint that was fast tracked to Primex by City Hall. Encouraged to go through the PD internal complaint process prior to forwarding to Primex. City Hall, Primex, and the department are all on the same page and in agreement. In the future City Hall will discuss issues with the PD prior to getting in contact with Primex.

C. Drug Sweep with DEA: June 22nd drug sweep. 8 people arrested. Feds were in the area and took part in the sweep. Discussion with reference to the city cleaning up vehicles that are parked on personal property.

D. New Hire: Introduction of Jason Silva who started with the department on August 1st. Silva provided background with reference to his college and being raised on Cape Cod. Silva has done a lot of volunteer work and has a fondness for helping others.

E. Stalking Petitions on Officers: Discussion on the policy. The temporary order was not issued and the hearing was held yesterday. No discussion has been made. There was discussion with reference to how similar situations will be handled in the future and referring the cases to Primex for coverage and to assist the officer. Primex did a great job in the hearing. The evidence was never delivered to the PD but it is unknown if it had been delivered to the attorney.

F. Statistics: Statistics from May and June were reviewed and discussed.

G. Correspondence:

- Several training opportunities and thank you letters/cards were highlighted.
- Email in reference to narcan training
- City Hall questions on Union vs Non-Union contract(s)
- Granite Shield due August 13th. \$60,000 for drug monies. Substance Abuse reduction

grant.

- Reprogrammed radios: OME came in and did same
- BPD kickball game held August 5th was very successful. It made Facebook but not the newspaper.
- Push for more community activities
- Letter to support Chamber events where OHRV hours are extended
- WMCC promote program using BPD photos
- SRO promotion
- K9 baseball card
- Portland, Oregon no longer pursuing traffic infractions
- Commendation letter with reference to Lt Gendron's work and dedication towards the obstacle course project.
- **NHSP** online portal for certified copies
- Letter updating Aspen Langlois with reference to the hands free devices
- Touch A Truck September 18th at Northern Forest Heritage Park.
- Highway Safety Audit on August 20th
- Dept. of Safety Blue alert program for in the line of duty incidents
- NHFG approved Aug 20th and 21st for unreg OHRV's on the trails in the area of the Jericho Gateway campground. During the UTV Rally Race.
- Several upcoming road tolls reviewed

H. Other: nothing reviewed.

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VII. Public Comments: None.

VIII. Adjournment of Public Meeting: At 08:44 a.m. the meeting adjourned. There was no Non-Public Session. The meeting adjourned unanimously on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday September 2nd at 7:30 a.m.**