

**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION**

DATE: Wednesday November 3, 2021
TIME: 7:30 A.M.
PLACE: BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

I. Call to Order: 07:33 am

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

Others Present: Chief Morency, Deputy Chief Buteau, Captain Lemoine, Lt Nathan Roy, Lt. Zach Howry, and Jennifer Cloutier.

Recorded by: Kimberly Bijeau

III. Acceptance of Minutes of October 14, 2021. Minutes were unanimously accepted as presented on a motion from Comm. Morin seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

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

V. Old Business

- A. Hiring Process:** Update provided with reference to new hire, Jarod Beal. The January academy is currently up to 41 students. We just need Beal's prints and we can then register him for the academy. He has a tentative start date of November 14th. Lt Roy provided an update on new hire, Benjamin Harmon. We are hoping to also have Harmon start on November 14th so he and Beal can train together. Harmon is part-time certified so will not need to attend the academy at this time. The department still has a number of candidates and had additional testing coming up next week.
- B. CIP:** List of the 2023 CIP's include Taser, Tower, Cellbrite (analysis cellphone data) Communication equipment, Cruiser Radios, Cruisers, Building Maintenance, Firearms, Impound area, In-cruiser camera system, Cruiser Laptops, Leather gear, Paved Parking area, Radars, Ramp extension, and Records management software.
- C. Riverfire:** The event went off well with a good turnout of people including a large number of ATV's. Chamber had modified the events due to Covid concerns. Did have some complaints with reference to people not wearing masks. A shuttle was provided again this year.
- D. Additional 91-A requests:** Discussion on the additional requests and the fees for the

records when released. PSTC have been receiving 91-A requests on just about every police officer from businesses such as the Union Leader and the ACLU. The increase in requests is bogging down the system.

E. Other: Capt. Lemoine will be posting thank you in the paper with reference to the Call to Duty golf tournament.

- Issue with large # of bikes in storage between here at the PD and the old court house. Discussion on the different options with reference to clearing the space.

VI. New Business

A. SSGT Jesse Sherrill SP request: Area agencies will be covering SP territory so all can attend the services. BPD does have some officers attending the services.

B. Promotion: Zachary Howry has been working the prosecutor position which typically is a lieutenant position. Howry was present and officially promoted to lieutenant. Lt Howry was then excused from the meeting.

C. Mask Mandate: City passed another 30 day mandate for public buildings and the health department now has the authority to enforce it. Gorham went with a two week mandate. As of yesterday morning things were settling down as far as Covid cases. A letter had been read during the City Council meeting with reference to renaming one of the city parks after Guy Lopez.

D. Opioid DMI report: Coos County currently has the highest rate of deaths. In prior reports we had been 4th or 5th. Capt. Lemoine discussed the kickoff meeting in Concord with reference to the Substance Abuse Reduction grant. Berlin was highlighted as a problem area during the meeting.

E. Noteworthy Incidents: Homelessness in the City of Berlin: There was discussion during recent council meeting on how to handle the matter. Kristy Letendre works for CAP and discussed all the resources available for these people. Tri County Cap will be attending upcoming patrol meeting to discuss same. Inquiry about whether Tri County Cap has handouts to provide. The mobile mental health command unit is coming to speak at the annual department meeting. Detox center is up and running in Bethlehem. There was discussion on how a number of the rehab facilities want people to detox prior to admission.

- **Threat at AVH:** Officers dealt with a threat at AVH related to some of the employees losing their jobs.
- **Threats on officers:** Last year there were 60,000 assaults on police officers. The Minneapolis ballot initiative to replace the police department failed. Qualified Immunity has run through a couple trails and appears to be standing up. Philly is now banning officers from conducting mv stops stating it is not fair to the people.

F. Statistics: Statistics from September were reviewed and discussed. Juvenile incidents and sexual assaults; higher number reported when school is in person. Teachers play a role in filing complaints. Discussion on the continued higher demand from the ambulance service. Discussion on prior contact between the Dubey's and the City that included dispatching service. Will need to view the contract to see what the PD is doing that is above and beyond for services.

G. Correspondence:

- Several training opportunities and thank you letters/cards were highlighted.
- Several upcoming road tolls were reviewed
- Follow-up letter to be sent to Stephen Gregory
- Upcoming function that was discussed on Facebook
- Letter that Bill Daisey left addressed to employees
- # of letters from the AG's office
- New electronic process for search / arrest warrants

VII. Other: - Parking ban in effect as of Nov 1st

- May have a lifesaving award for Cpl. Dennis Gale with reference to an OHRV accident where he may have saved a subjects life by applying a tourniquet.
- Milan Contract renewal. Anticipate that there will be increases on the dispatch side.

VIII. Public Comments: None.

IX. Adjournment of Public Meeting: At 08:42 a.m. the meeting adjourned to Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c), by roll call vote on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin. Public Session reconvened at 09:10 a.m.; there were no decisions made in Non-Public Session, and minutes were sealed on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay, as their release could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of this Commission. The meeting adjourned unanimously on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 2, at 7:30 a.m.**