**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 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 7:35 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 May 3, 2018:** Minutes were unanimously accepted as printed, on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

**IV**. **Monthly Financial Reports:** Radio reprogramming, phone, window, and Axon (Taser) expenses will hit the budget before the end of the fiscal year. The report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

**V. Old Business**

1. **Phone System & Bid:** Arcomm has completed cabling and will return to finish the project once Consolidated completes their work.

1. **Firing Range:** The Conservation Fund is drafting an agreement to include terms that the AV Fish & GameClub will manage the land, and the PD will have unlimited use.
2. **Opioid Crisis Litigation**: The City Attorney and New York firm have come to an agreement on language, and litigation will be moving forward.
3. **Police Officer Testing Process:** Three candidates passed the oral boards. Background investigations and polygraphs are next.
4. **Police Memorial Week**: Families of Berlin’s fallen officers were escorted to the memorial in Concord. The ceremony was well attended.
5. **Budget**: There was only one complaint directed at the Police Department during the public hearing: instead of a CIP for a PD furnace, the City should fix potholes. The next budget meeting will be on June 18.
6. “**Call to Duty” Memorial Book Awards & Golf**: $500 book awards were given to: John Arguin, Evan Arsenault, Travis Lamontagne, and Hayden Piet.
7. **Other:**  Active shooter training will be held the week of June 24. A UTV familiarization course will also be held.
   * House Bill 1549 regarding accident reports passed the House and was tabled Ought to Pass by the Senate. Chief Morency expressed his disappointment in Senator Woodburn; the chief had reached out to the senator to express his concerns about this bill and the resulting burden on the taxpayers, but the senator never responded.
   * City departments have signed-off on the radio reprogramming lists, and the lists have been forwarded to Ossipee Mountain Electronics for scheduling.
   * The Torch Run was a success and was well attended.
   * Over 100 pounds of prescription drugs were taken in by the Berlin Police Department on National Take Back Day.
   * The PD is awaiting the competency ruling regarding Roger Dana.

**VI. New Business**

1. **Operation Northern Alliance:** The recently published drug arrests were a direct result of North Country law enforcement’s request for help and subsequent activity cultivated by the initial March meeting with State officials and NH chiefs of police. Agencies did a great job working together. Nothing would have been accomplished without funding from Granite Shield, and Chief Morency is hoping for additional funds to continue sweeps and further cases.
2. **Granite Shield Grant:** An application requesting $60,000 in grant funds was submitted. Chief Morency has since been contacted by the Department of Safety to see if he would oversee grant funding for Littleton/Grafton County. He is willing, so long as additional funds are provided for Grafton.
3. **DTF Directors Meeting:** A meeting with the delegation will be set up to discuss the potential for funding two additional DTF positions.
4. **Meeting with Governor Sununu:**  Chief Morency and Sheriff Valerino met with the governor regarding Senate Bill 577, which pertains to Berlin’s biomass plant. The governor has indicated his support of the Bill, which will allow continuation of the plant’s current agreement and impacts the city’s tax dollars by approximately $1.3 million.
5. “**Call to Duty” Memorial Scholarships**: A meeting of the Memorial Committee will immediately follow today’s Commission meeting.
6. **JO/Detective Posting**: The ten-day posting ends today, and the position will be filled shortly.
7. **Statistics**: Statistics were reviewed. Motor vehicle and warning stats have been impacted by the decrease in Highway Safety grants.
8. **Correspondence**: Thank you notes were received from the Division of Forests & Lands for conducting a polygraph, and from Senator Hassan for the chief’s support of opioid recovery centers.
   * An intern will be shadowing officers.
   * There will be a First Net meeting at City Hall on June 18.
   * The Bureau of Prisons’ golf tournament will be held this Saturday, and the Correctional Officers Memorial Service will be held June 12 at 1 p.m.
   * AVH has arranged for the PD to have office space next to the ER; details need to be worked out regarding security and federal mandates.
9. **Other**. Extended authority agreements will be signed at the next Coös County chiefs meeting.
   * Bicycle helmets are available, thanks to the Kiwanis and their Bike Rodeo.
10. **Public Comments**: None.
11. **Adjournment of Public Meeting:** At 9:00 a.m., on a roll call vote with all voting in the affirmative, the Commission moved into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II. Public session reconvened at 9:40 a.m. on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Tremblay.

The Commission unanimously approved the terms of the tentative contract agreement on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Nault. There were no additional votes taken in non-public session.

Public session then adjourned unanimously on a motion by Comm. Tremblay, seconded by Comm. Morin. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday July 12, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.