**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

**TIME: 9:00 A.M.**

**PLACE: BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Comm. Nault at 9:04 a.m.

**II. Roll Call:** Commissioners Jerry Nault and Pierre Morin were present; Comm. Tremblay was unavailable.

**Others Present:**  Chief Morency, Deputy Chief Buteau, and Mark Dorval

**Recorded by:** Lisa Arguin

**III. BlackJacks Hockey Discussion:** The meeting was held at Chief Morency’s request to discuss league security requirements and the Department’s public safety obligations for the upcoming hockey season. The common goal is safety, as well as the success of the events.

Mr. Dorval is the primary contact, and he requested the presence of two officers at each game, approximately one-half hour before scheduled game time. He also has 9-12 security guards. The first game will be held September 29. He asked if officers could work directly with security personnel where needed, including assisting them with the escorting of referees and players on and off the ice as well as entering and exiting the building, and being visible at the front door and particularly during times when games are not in play. Chief Morency confirmed that the officers are being hired and will work with security; however, there needs to be a clear chain of command as to who is in charge.

Joe Accardi is the off-ice official, and Keith Couture is the anticipated head of security.

Mr. Dorval will provide a copy of the newly printed schedule to the PD, which he is expecting today. The PD will schedule officers accordingly, and Mr. Dorval will contact the PD if there are any changes to the schedule. Comm. Morin requested a firm time frame regarding delivery of payment for services. Mr. Dorval agreed that payment will be delivered no later than the Thursday following each game.

Public safety needs will be revisited and possibly adjusted by the chief as needed after the season is underway. Chief Morency encouraged Mr. Dorval to call the PD with any questions, concerns, or issues.

**IV. Adjournment of Public Session:** The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on a motion by Comm. Morin, seconded by Comm. Nault.