

**BERLIN POLICE COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION**

DATE: Monday, August 30, 2021
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
PLACE: BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

I. Call to Order: 04:02 pm

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

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

Recorded by: Kimberly Bijeau

III. Acceptance of Minutes of August 11, 2021. There was an amendment made with reference to the attendance: Chief Morency and Captain Lemoine were not present. Also, a correction with reference to kickball as it made Facebook but not the paper. Minutes were unanimously accepted as amended 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. Stalking Petition:** Went before Judge Boyle who threw it out. Arrested the complainant the following day and he had a tattoo with Lt Daisey's name.
- B. LEACT Police Misconduct Board:** The department already has a way, internally, to handle misconduct; the Commission plays a role in handling misconduct, as well as the courts have a way. Fear is that they may try to strip the Comm. of having any authority. There is already a system in place and it is unknown what role this board may have.
- C. School Resource Officer:** Met with the school district with reference to how to move forward considering there is no SRO in place. An ad has been placed on INDEED. The department will continue to work to fill the gap.
- D. Cates Hill Antenna:** Jenn advised the Commission that AVH is interested in selling the City of Berlin the tower for \$1. Jenn obtained a copy of the agreement from AVH. Did consult with OME with reference to the structural integrity of the tower and they advised it is sound.
- E. Other:** Grant that would pay to reprogram the radios. Question on whether a resolution

would be needed.

- Captain Lemoine provided an update with reference to the Golf Tournament. We are up to 104 players but there may be an issue with getting enough golf carts. Donations are down this year.

VI. New Business

- A. Highway Safety Audit:** Audit was completed and an email was received advising that all was well.
- B. Drug Task Force Award:** Awarded \$120,000 for DTF this year. We now have the funding but need the people.
- C. Response Training:** EMS is putting on a Domestic Violence training September 17th.
- D. College Meeting:** Was scheduled to meet Friday but now not meeting until Thursday at 2pm. Will be meeting with the new security officer at WMCC.
- E. Conditional offer:** Candidate is a 35 year old construction worker from Bethel. His mother is in law enforcement in Maine. He has completed his psych evaluation and we are now awaiting the completion of his background check.
- F. Statistics:** Statistics from July were reviewed and discussed.
- G. Correspondence:**
 - Several training opportunities and thank you letters/cards were highlighted.
 - Bureau of Trails granted OHRV expansion on hours for Wingzilla and Riverfire
 - Lt Gendron provided 2 year notice
 - Discussion on email with reference to Autistic child; John Young.
 - Class action suit with reference to the exhaust issues with a couple of the cruisers
 - Number of letters requesting to purchase the old X26 taser(s)
 - Letter read with reference to Ofc. Priest and the Army pin he wears
 - Comm. Quinn permitting OHRV curfew to be extended
 - Wage study
 - Department Mtg will be held December 10th at Heritage Park.
 - Mandatory patrol meeting September 21st.
 - Several upcoming road tolls were reviewed
- H. Other:** Barricaded subject Friday night. Subject had been trying to get his gun back from the PD. The subject has two active restraining orders in place and will now have a new restraining order violation.
 - Article with Barbara Tetreault with reference to the ramifications from Covid.

VII. Public Comments: None.

VIII. Adjournment of Public Meeting: At 05:43 p.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, October 14, at 7:30 a.m.**