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**Southern Police Commission
Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2026**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the New Freedom Borough Office, 47 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Roy Burkins, Andy Bobby, Erica Rearich, Brittany Barnette, Jessica Fisher, Brian Sweitzer-alternate for Kelly Gillispie

Police Department Staff: Chief Boddington, Sgt. Teague

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Recording Secretary: Noelle Wilson

Others in Attendance: 3 members of public

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- B. Barnette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. Barnette announced that May 15, 2026, is Peace Officers Memorial day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE April 2026, MEETING MINUTES

- The April 1, 2026, minutes were reviewed. R. Burkins made a motion to accept the April minutes. J. Fisher seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES AND CHECKS

- B. Barnette stated that there is not an expenditure report to review and approve because there are things that must be reconciled before the audit in June 2026. G. Prego is working with Rachel, the SRPC's representative from Altland and Associates.
- There was a question about whether more time needs to be authorized for Altland to get things in order.
- There was a question about what needed to be corrected. B. Barnette reported that there were issues with pay and pension, items being entered twice in Quickbooks, and that filing of papers had not been completed as needed.
- E. Rearich and A. Bobby raised concerns regarding the reconciliation of 2025 year-end financials.
- B. Sweitzer stated that there have been no financials for the entirety of 2026. There was discussion of how to get the financial reports reconciled and presented to the SRPC for approval.
- A. Bobby questioned if the money that was moved from the reserve account was returned. B. Barnette stated that not all the reserves have been returned, despite being told by the previous accountant that it had been.

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- B. Sweitzer made a motion to authorize Altland and Associates to get SRPC finances up to date for the June 2026 SRPC meeting, in accordance with their contract no matter how many hours it takes. A. Bobby seconded the motion. There was discussion about G. Prego's involvement and any time burden it may create for her, and Altland's representative availability. B. Barnette stated that Altland was given an estimated amount of time for standard bookkeeping, but no one anticipated how much of a problem was created by the previous accounting company. There was discussion about compensation for G. Prego for her work on reconciling the financing. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
- A. Bobby posed a question to the SRPC from A. Shaffer of New Freedom Borough in reference to compliance with Article 4, section C, regarding year-end reporting and the handling of unexpended funds.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Boddington distributed the March 22, 2026, through April 18, 2026, Incident Report. All totals remain within tolerance.
- Chief Boddington explained what "service call assist other agency" is. Through the schools, if another agency like Children Youth Services or ChildLine contact the SRO, SRPD is assisting another agency.
- Chief Boddington reported that Officer Slenker is doing well. On April 10, PSP notified SRPD of chase on 83 southbound. Officers Swartz and Slenker responded and were able to successfully deploy stop sticks and assist PSP.
- Chief Boddington distributed Detective Shafer's letter requesting to enter the DROP program. He explained how SRPD's pension is calculated using a 36-month lookback. B. Sweitzer made a motion to accept the pension amount calculated for Detective Shafer as presented. E. Rearich seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
- Chief Boddington distributed a letter from Sgt. Schmuck requesting to enter the DROP program effective June 18, 2026. The letter to request admittance to the DROP program triggers the calculation for the pension. E. Rearich made a motion to accept Sgt. Schmuck into the DROP program effective June 18, 2026. A. Bobby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
- Chief Boddington reported that the new vehicle has been picked up and is now in service. There are two vehicles that will be going on Municibid. There was discussion on when the next new vehicle would be purchased.
- Chief Boddington gave a follow up report on the dogs that burned in the fire in Glen Rock. The SPCA hired a new humane officer, Patrick Noll, and he attended the chief's meeting earlier May 4, 2026. Chief shared humane officer's contact information with all the member municipality offices.
- A. Bobby thanked Chief for attending the trial the previous week.
- R. Burkins announced the establishment of a new 12 stall equine clinic in Stewartstown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INSURANCE AND PENSION

- B. Sweitzer reported that Engelbert would like to have another presentation meeting prior to the June or July SRPC meeting. SRPC prefers July.

PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE

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- E. Rearich reached out to the Civil Service committee to see how they are doing with their training. She will be contacting them as well to let them know that another officer will be entering the DROP program.
- E. Rearich announced that on May 8, 2026, there will be a Fallen Police Memorial at the 911 Center.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

- No report.

FINANCE & BUDGET

- A. Bobby read a statement about increasing crime and the importance of keeping the SRPD healthy financially as they are the member municipalities' first line of defense against crime. Because of this, he brought three motions to enhance articles 4 and 4C to the SRPC.
 - Motion 1: A. Bobby made a motion to require a line-item budget review to the SRPC prior to voting and approving the SRPD yearly budget. B. Sweitzer seconded the motion. There was discussion about the motion, and the budget development and approval process. There was also discussion about the logistics of how a budget presentation meeting would look and when it would be. There was discussion of the intent of the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
 - Motion 2: A. Bobby made a motion to require SRPC to provide an executive budget summary to the municipal IGA partners prior to their vote to approve the SRPD budget. J. Fisher seconded the motion. B. Sweitzer reiterated that the line-item budget is available to municipal partners upon request. There was discussion of what the charter says. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
 - Motion 3: A. Bobby made a motion to advertise and make public SRPD budget meetings to allow all SRPD commission representatives, Council members and public to attend. There was discussion on when such a meeting should be held; continuation meeting vs. regular SRPC meeting, and budget deadlines. After discussion, it was determined that there was no need for a motion because budget presentation meetings are held during regular SRPC meetings in accordance with the IGA. A. Bobby rescinded the motion.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- A. Bobby gave the Outreach Committee report. The Outreach Committee met with several Shrewsbury Township officials to discuss possibility of shared police services.
- B. Sweitzer reported that Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors was meeting the same night as SRPC and having densely populated areas of Shrewsbury Township being affiliate members of SRPC was on the agenda.
- Chief Boddington met with the chief of North Hopewell Township.
- The committee will meet before the June SRPC meeting as needed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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- P. Ruth updated the proposed Code of Conduct. There were revisions requested by Shrewsbury Borough regarding fiscal stewardship. A. Bobby made a motion to approve the updated Code of Conduct. B. Sweitzer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.
- P. Ruth reported that the Right to Know requests have decreased for now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- An executive session will be held immediately following the regular SRPC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

- E. Rearich made a motion to adjourn to executive session. A. Bobby seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm into executive session.
- The next regular SRPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 7PM at the New Freedom Borough Office, 47 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.