



Evans City/Seven Fields Regional Police  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2021 @ 5:15 p.m. (Seven Fields)

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Members Present: Dawn Servello, Michael Baer via Zoom, Dean Galitsis, Diana Zoelle via Zoom, Dean Zinkhann, Chief McCombs, Tom Smith, Regional Police Administrator, and Matt Racunas, Solicitor via Zoom.

Dawn Servello made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Dean Zinkhann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dean Galitsis made a motion to approve the payables (1/21-2/18/2021), as presented at this meeting. Dawn Servello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Evans City Seven Fields Calls for Service for January 2020 were reviewed by the Commission Members. Tom Smith, Regional Police Administrator noted there were 84 calls for Evans City Borough and 70 calls in the Borough of Seven Fields. Chief McCombs stated the call volume was down due to the inclement weather. There were no other questions.

Regional Police Administrator Smith presented the EC/SF Police 2020 Pension Plan financial earnings gain of \$135,252. He added that the balance in the pension plan on 12/31/2020 was \$956,005.

Regional Police Administrator Smith presented the EC/SF Regional Police Department pension compliance audit for January 2016 thru December 2019. He explained the audit finding was for when the pension was formed there was an oversight of not having a joinder agreement put into place. There were no questions.

Regional Police Administrator Smith explained the next agenda item for the pension joinder agreement and ordinance will have to be tabled until the next meeting since the legal ad will have to be placed before a vote can take place.

Regional Police Administrator Smith presented the legal ad for the pension joinder agreement and ordinance. Dean Zinkhann made a motion to place a legal ad for the pension joinder agreement and ordinance. Dawn Servello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regional Police Administrator Smith requested approval for option #2 on the quote from Auto Accenting to detail the police vehicles 2 times a year at the cost of \$200 per vehicle. He explained that option 1 would only be once a year at the cost of \$225 per vehicle. Mike Baer made a motion to approve detailing the vehicles 2 times a year at the cost of \$200 each. Dawn Servello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regional Police Administrator Smith asked Chief McCombs to elaborate on the Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. Mr. Smith stated that the cost of the course is free and the department will have to cover the officer's payroll costs. Chief McCombs requested that Officers Scalise and Podolec be sent to the training which will teach them major indicators of impairment. The skills they will learn are valuable to have in court. Michael Baer made a motion to send Officers Scalise and Podolec to ARIDE training at the cost of \$683. Dawn Servello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief McCombs stated that Allegheny County is offering a free training course in the Art of De-escalation. The course teaches officers how to react in hostile environments. The ECSF Regional Police Department would just have to cover the cost of the officer's wages. Regional Police Administrator Smith explained the wage cost to send all the officers to the 1-day course is \$1,975, and there is \$12,000 earmarked in the 2021 budget for training. Dean Zinkhann made a motion to approve the officers attending the Art of Escalation train at the cost of \$1,975. Dawn Servello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dean Zinkhann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 pm. Dawn Servello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Brooks  
ECSF Regional PD Secretary