

Police Hire Counsel For Wage Talks

A Lancaster law firm has been retained by city police as general counsel for the purpose of entering into collective bargaining and arbitration negotiations with city officials.

Attorney Michael J. Perezous notified Mayor Thomas J. Monaghan, Safety Director Herbert C. Yost, and members of City Council in a letter recently that the firm of Xakellis, Perezous and Mongiovi has been hired by the Fraternal Order of Police, Red Rose Lodge 16, in behalf of the City Police Bureau.

The Lodge desires to commence negotiations on those aspects of the employment contract dated Sept. 10, 1968, which are subject to discussion, Perezous said.

TALKED LAST YEAR

Last year, the city negotiated with police and fire officials for

the first time under Act 111, the state law that authorizes collective bargaining by policemen and firemen.

As a result, the police received a 9.3 per cent increase in salary and benefits over 1967. Starting salaries for patrolmen were hiked from \$5,500 to \$5,830. Firemen received a similar package as the city for the first time in its history entered into formal contracts with public employes.

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Both the two-year contracts contain a wage-reopening clause after the first year. Negotiations must begin by July of this year and talks are limited to wages and benefits.

It was estimated originally that the 1968 contracts would cost the city \$143,000 or slightly more than one mill in tax terms.

Yost said the police bureau's

14 Confirmed At St. John's

The Rite of Confirmation was conducted for 14 young people in St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday.

They were Raymond Alleman Jr., Susan Nickel, Timothy Parke, Charles Hauser, Carol Landis, Brian Salisbury, David Hahn, Daniel Sweigart, Nancy Hadeisty, Terry Alexander, Kim Ciccone, John Sauders, Judy Hepler and Jeffrey Sauders.

action in retaining legal counsel makes it necessary at least for the city also to consider hiring legal aid.

He said, however, the decision would be for the city council to make.

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