

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
14 JANUARY 2020**

PRESENT:

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-SECRETARY
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
MIKE PENN	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-MEMBER
LYNN KELLY	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
TONY LAMANTIA	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY COLEMAN		-SOLICITOR

ABSENT:

JUAN ADAMS	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Reorganization Meeting of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission was held at the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chief Chris Wagner with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

REORGANIZATION:

Nominations for Chairman:

Chief Wagner opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission for 2020.

Francis DePiano made a motion to nominate David Moyer for Chairman, seconded by Brendan Carroll.

The motion to appoint David Moyer as Chairman passed unanimously.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman David Moyer.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Dave Moyer made a motion to nominate Francis DePiano for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Brendan Carroll.

The motion to appoint Francis DePiano as Vice-Chairman passed unanimously.

Nominations for Treasurer / Secretary:

David Moyer made a motion to keep Kurt Cummings as Treasurer and Claudette Williams as Secretary, seconded by Francis DePiano.

The motion to appoint Kurt Cummings Treasurer and Claudette Williams Secretary passed unanimously.

Appoint Solicitor:

David Moyer made a motion to appoint Harry Coleman as Solicitor, seconded by Francis DePiano.

The motion to appoint Harry Coleman Solicitor passed with Lynn Kelly opposing.

Appoint for Labor Counsel:

David Moyer made a motion to appoint Gretchen Love as Labor Counsel, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

The motion to appoint Gretchen Love Labor Counsel passed unanimously.

Appoint Non-Uniform Pension Trustees:

Francis DePiano made a motion to appoint the Executive Board and Chief Wagner as Non-Uniform Pension Plan Trustees, seconded by Dave Carbone.

The motion to appoint the Executive Board and Chief Wagner as Non-Uniform Pension Plan Trustees passed unanimously.

Close Reorganization Meeting

Francis DePiano made a motion to close the Reorganization meeting, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 7:04

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Minutes of 10 December 2019 Regular Business Meeting as presented seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Lynn Kelly requested her motion on page 3 for the Chief and Lieutenants state the DROP will be 3 years not 5.

Mike Oser thanked the Commission for the December Draft Minutes in the packet.

The motion was seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 14 January 2020 in the amount of \$541,952.61. The motion was seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

DECEMBER POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of December were 1130 total calls consisting of 1008 Complaints and 122 Accidents. There was a total of 97 Criminal Arrests, 174 Traffic Arrests, 337 Traffic Warnings and 32 Ordinance Arrests. He also reviewed the Year to Date totals of 13,983 total calls consisting of 12,782 Complaints and 1,201 Accidents. There was a total of 1,167 Criminal Arrests, 2,575 Traffic Arrests, 3,028 Traffic Warnings and 217 Ordinance Arrests

Chief Wagner went over the monthly and year to date activity numbers as well as the UCR Crime Stats.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the December Police Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

Mike Oser asked if the increase in calls was due to the increase in Patrol Hours. Chief explained that can be part of it but generally not the lions share. Extra calls for having increased patrols would be for people flagging down an officer or a disabled motorists or something on those lines but that would not necessarily cause the spike.

With no further comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for the month of December. The Chief stated that Car #9, 15, 17, and 18 are already approved to advertise for sale and he is now looking for a motion to also advertise Car 47 for sale.

Motion:

Dave Carbone made a motion to add Car 47 to advertisement for sale, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Vehicle Quotes

Chief Wagner requested approval to order the 4 new 2020 Police Interceptor upfitted to include the WatchGuard Camera System and the P25 Radios at a cost of \$53,679.95 per vehicle.

Motion:

Kurt Cummings made a motion to Order the 4 2020 Police Interceptors to include the Upfit at a cost of \$53,679.95 per vehicle, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Dave Carbone made a motion to approve the December Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Public Commendation**

Chief Wagner presented the award for Outstanding Youth in the Community to Jacob Weirich.

Intermission 7:30 – 7:35

UPDATE:

- **Personnel (Non-Sworn Salary)**

Chief Wagner indicated that a correction was needed on the motion made at the December meeting for the Non-Sworn Personnel. The motion was for a 6.6% increase for each of the 5 Non-Sworn except for Laura Deane and Marianne Avosso who were increasing to \$15.50 per hour leaving the 6.6% for Barbara Wieand and Sue Kopp. Barb received an additional increase due to increase of duties. The Motion also should have included Barbara Wieand increase to \$21.00 per hour which is more than the 6.6%.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to increase Barbara Wieand's hourly rate to \$21.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Member Municipality Concerns –**

Tobyhanna Township – None

Tunkhannock Township – None

Mt Pocono – Mike Penn stated that he met with Rabi Sillman in Barrett about harassment issues during Hanukkah and recently. They are asking if they can get an extra patrol on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10 when there are a lot of people in the community there for services.

Mike Penn also asked if there was any additional information on the threat that was made online. Chief Wager briefed him on the situation and indicated that they should keep an eye on it. Claudette Williams asked for an update on the Foxfire / School Bus issue.

Tom Nevill – Mount Pocono Council member gave additional information regarding the online threats and possible Facebook identity theft concerns. Chief Wagner stated he would assign someone to investigate it.

Coolbaugh – None

Barrett – None

- **2020/2021 HIRING**

Chief Wagner stated the advertisement will be out within the next 2 weeks. Written test is scheduled for March 14th and the Physical Fitness Test is scheduled for April 18.

- **Building Capital Projects**

Schoonover & Vanderhoof Proposal

Chief Wagner stated that he contacted and met with Schoonover & Vanderhoof regarding the projected building security renovations. They have submitted a proposal for services to cover Documentation of Existing Conditions, Construction Documents, Bidding and Punch List in the amount of \$5,925.00.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to retain Schoonover & Vanderhoof in the amount of \$5,925.00 to oversee the Capital Project, seconded by Dave Carbone.

Brendon Carroll indicated a correction should be made regarding the Installation of protective pipe “boulders” should be “bollard”.

Lynn Kelly commented that understanding that this is a local firm and has probably done a lot of good work and has had a lot of good projects based on an experience with Coolbaugh Townships Board she stated that in all conscience she cannot vote for them.

The motion passed with Lynn Kelly opposing.

- **Pension**

3rd Quarter 2019 Report – beginning Market Value \$23,016,019 – net flows in \$277,556 with a return on investments of \$241,157 ending Market Value \$23,534.731.

- **Community Events/Letters of Support**

Publicly commended Officer Jason Wile who heads up the SRO Program for his putting together of a full course Holiday dinner that was provided to 15 needy families from TEC, Clear Run Intermediate, Clear Run Elementary, Pocono Mountain West Jr. High and Pocono Mountain West High School. He was assisted by the staff of different schools as well as students from the Pocono Mountain West SAD. Donations and gifts were provided by the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Officers Association and Perkins. Santa Claus attended the dinner and each family received a \$100 gift card for Weis as well as food to take home from the dinner so there was no waste.

Thank you letter to Officer Jeff Lutz was read from Roger Vogel of Pincrest Lake and Country Club.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tom Nevill thanked the chief for listening to his concerns and keeping the community safe.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette Williams
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary