

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION / REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
10 JANUARY 2023**

PRESENT:

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-SECRETARY
WILLIAM WEIMER	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
TRACY FOX	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CRAYSON CHEUNG	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
RANDY ALTEMOSE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
DON STRUCKLE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
OWEN COLEMAN		-HARRY COLEMAN LAW

ABSENT:

DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA 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. Chief Wagner welcomed Tracy Fox as the newest addition to the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission representing Coolbaugh Township.

REORGANIZATION:

Nominations for Chairman:

Chief Wagner opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission for 2023.

William Weimer made a motion to nominate Dave Moyer for Chairman, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

With no additional nominees the motion to appoint Dave Moyer as Chairman passed unanimously.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Moyer.

After speaking to the Commission, Chairman Dave Moyer made a motion to have the current officers remain in their respective positions for 2023 as follows:

Vice-Chairman: Francis DePiano

Treasurer: William Weimer

Secretary: John Seese

Solicitor: Harry Coleman, Esq. / Coleman Law

Labor Counsel: Campbell Durrant

Non-Uniform Pension Trustees: Dave Moyer, PMRPC Chairman - Francis DePiano, PMRPC Vice-Chairman - William Weimer, PMRPC Treasurer - John Seese, PMRPC Secretary - Chris Wagner, PMRPD Chief of Police.

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

PMRPC Account Access:

Francis DePiano made a motion to authorize MaryEllen Sands-Drost have access and to be added to the authorized contact list for all accounts of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission.

Close Reorganization Meeting

Francis DePiano made a motion to close the Reorganization meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The Reorganization meeting ended approximately 7:04 p.m.

OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING @ 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 13 December 2022 Regular Business Meeting, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 10 January 2023 in the amount of \$264,077.42, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of December were 1126 consisting of 1003 Complaints and 123 Accidents. There were a total of 66 Criminal Arrests, 67 Traffic Arrests, 55 Traffic Warnings and 10 Ordinance Arrests. Chief Wagner also compared the year-to-date totals to 2021 and an overview of previous years and trends.

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

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the December Police Report, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for December.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the December Vehicle Report, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Chief Wagner proposed a policy update to 1-2 Command Protocol and Procedures Policy.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the Policy Update of 1-2 Command Protocol and Procedures, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Chief Wagner proposed a policy update to the 1-4 Non-Sworn Personnel to more accurately reflect the applicant screening.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the Policy Update of 1-4 Non-Sworn Personnel, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – None

Tunkhannock Township – None

Coolbaugh – None

Mount Pocono – Requested attention to individuals parking in Fire Zones

Barrett Township – None

- **LSA Grant**

No new update.

- **American Recovery Act Grant**

Chief Wagner anticipated having notice by January 1, 2023, however, the official award letter has not been received. A public notification indicated that the award to PMRPD was 2.1 million. Chief Wagner will update the Commission as information is received.

- **Rolling Shelves**

The recently acquired rolling shelves system will be installed later this month.

- **2023 Hiring Process**

There are no further updates to report. Chief Wagner is awaiting word on the American Recovery Act Grant to move forward with the 2023 hiring process.

- **Pension**

The next Pension Meeting is scheduled in February.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

December 2 – Officer Rzeszewski attended a tree lighting ceremony at the Clymer Library.

December 12 – Ofc. Wile, Ofc. Borger, Ofc. Sheranko attended the Wreaths Across America at the Walmart Distribution Center.

December 13 – School Resource Officers Smelas and Wile participated in Shop with a Cop at Walmart in Mount Pocono.

December 17 – Ofc. Wile and Det. Venneman handed out meals to needy families through the Pocono Mountain School District.

Chief Wagner received a call of appreciation from a community citizen that the department has dealt with several times regarding mental health issues of a family member. The caller was expressing their gratitude to the department for their compassion and professionalism.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeanine Hofbauer reminded the Commission members to remind and encourage their respective municipalities about the current fund raising drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Seese
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary