POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION REORGANIZATION / REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 11 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

-MEMBER **BRENDON CARROLL** -TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP

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 7:03 p.m. by Chief Chris Wagner with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Wagner welcomed the two new representatives from Mount Pocono, Don Struckle and Randy Altemose.

REORGANIZATION:

Nominations for Chairman:

Chief Wagner opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission for 2022.

Francis DePiano made a motion to nominate Dave Moyer for Chairman, seconded by William Weimer.

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

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Moyer.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Crayson Cheung made a motion to nominate Francis DePiano as Vice-Chairman seconded by William Weimer.

With no additional nominees the motion to appoint Francis DePiano as Vice-Chairman passed unanimously.

Nominations for Treasurer:

Francis DePiano made a motion to nominate William Weimer as Treasurer, seconded by Tony Lamantia.

With no additional nominees the motion to appoint William Weimer as Treasurer passed unanimously.

Nominations for Secretary:

Francis DePiano made a motion to nominate John Seese as Secretary, seconded by William Weimer.

With no additional nominees the motion to appoint John Seese as Secretary passed unanimously.

Appoint Solicitor:

Francis DePiano made a motion to appoint Harry Coleman as Solicitor, seconded by William Weimer.

The motion to appoint Harry Coleman Solicitor passed unanimously.

Appoint for Labor Counsel:

Francis DePiano made a motion to appoint Campbell Durrant as Labor Counsel, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

The motion to appoint Campbell Durrant as Labor Counsel, passed unanimously.

Appoint Non-Uniform Pension Trustees:

Francis DePiano made a motion to remove all prior Non-Uniform Pension Plan Trustees and appoint the following as updated and new Non-Uniform Pension Plan 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 Tony Lamantia.

The motion to appoint the Dave Moyer, Francis DePiano, William Weimer, John Seese and Chris Wagner as Non-Uniform Pension Plan Trustees passed unanimously.

Close Reorganization Meeting

Francis DePiano made a motion to close the Reorganization meeting and go into Executive Session, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously. The Reorganization meeting ended approximately 7:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting on Personnel. The Executive Session started approximately 7:10 p.m. and ended approximately 7:38 p.m.

OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING @ 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 14 December 2021 Regular Business Meeting, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 11 January 2022 in the amount of \$275,603.55, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of December were 1110 consisting of 1017 Complaints and 93 Accidents. There were a total of 85 Criminal Arrests, 98 Traffic Arrests, 136 Traffic Warnings and 17 Ordinance Arrests. Chief Wagner also compared the year-to-date totals to 2020.

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

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the December Police Report, seconded by Crayson Cheung. 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:

None

UPDATE:

• Member Municipality Concerns

<u>Tobyhanna Township</u> – None

Tunkhannock Township - None

<u>Coolbaugh</u> – 1) Chief updated on the speed through the Village of Tobyhanna and the oversized load truck traffic stating that the drivers have indicated they are being directed on that route via PSP and that will be checked into further. 2) Parking Ordinance has been changed on parking within the township right of way – looking for support from the department to enforce.

Mount Pocono - None

Barrett Township - None

COPS Grant

COPS Grant has been accepted. Request for reimbursement for the Grant funds cannot be made until the officers are in place. We cannot use grant funds to replace officers so we must hire the 2 officers that have retired prior to 2022. The grant officers will be the number 3 and 4 hires for 2022.

2022 / 2023 Hiring Process

Written test scheduled for 1/30, PT tentatively scheduled for 3/6 and interviews scheduled for April and certification of the list scheduled for May.

• Building Capital Projects

Security upgrades are complete. We received our Certificate of Approval from Bureau of Veritas North America.

Pension

Next quarterly meeting will be in February.

• Community Events / Letters of Support

December 1 – Sgt. Posluszny attended the Scam Jam hosted by the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority and the VFW and was put on by the Department of Banking and Securities

December 3 – Ofc. Werkheiser attended the Clymer Library Tree Lighting Celebration

December 4 - Ofc. Ellis and Tracy Fox attended the Pocono Organics for their Winter Wonderland

December 13 – Sgt. LaRue, Ofc. Eichler, Det. VanNote and Det. Venneman attended the Walmart Distribution Center's Annual Wreaths Across America Event at the Trooper Josh Miller Memorial on State Route 611.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Seek

John Seese

Pocono Mountain Regional Police

Commission Secretary