

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
08 MARCH 2022**

PRESENT:

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-SECRETARY
WILLIAM WEIMER	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
BRENDON CARROLL	-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:

DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Business Meeting of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission was held at the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Building and called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Moyer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting on Personnel. The Executive Session started approximately 6:20 p.m. and ended approximately 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 08 February 2022, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 08 March 2022 in the amount of \$229,406.74 seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of February were 1055 consisting of 966 Complaints and 89 Accidents. There were a total of 77 Criminal Arrests, 178 Traffic Arrests, 134 Traffic Warnings and 5 Ordinance Arrests.

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 February Police Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Kurt Cummings asked how the time is tracked for the new paperwork category? Chief stated that the time is tracked by a separate entry in their daily log it is now broken down on the monthly report.

With no additional comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for February.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the February Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief stated that, back in September to get ahead of the curve, we ordered the 4 new vehicles for 2022 and we are still waiting on delivery. At that time the 2021 prices for the Cameras / Radios / Upfit were included in the approved total amount but for 2022 the cost for the Radios and Upfit increased by \$3,136.40. Chief requested a motion to approve the increase.

Motion:

Brendon Carroll made a motion to increase the adopted vehicle upfit and radios by \$3,136.40, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Wastewater Remediation**

Chief informed the Commission that on 2/18/2022 a circuit panel in the basement that controlled the septic pump and septic alarm went bad causing a backup of sewer water into our holding cells and leaking down into the gym. Insurance claim has been filed and we are covered, the situation has been mitigated and the company was in and sanitized everything and we are now in the process of replacing the items that have been damaged.

- **Personnel**

Chief Wagner advised the Commission that effective 2/28/2022 Officer Jeff Lutz completed his 3 years in the DROP Pension and has officially retired and we would like to recognize and commend Jeff for his years of service.

- **2023 CBA**

Chief Wagner stated that the last contract was negotiated and agreed to 6-year CBA with a re-negotiation of salary at the 3-year mark. Suggestion to appoint individuals on a bargaining committee to negotiate the wages for the remaining 3 years of the contract. Committee will be Dave Carbone from Tobyhanna, Randy Altomose from Mount Pocono, Fran DePiano from Tunkhannock, Tony Lamantia from Coolbaugh and John Seese from Barrett.

- **Computer Upgrades**

Chief Wagner stated that in the 2022 budget we budgeted \$11,000 to replace the computers in the Crime Room. He also stated that the computers in the office were purchased in 2014 and 2015 and have been becoming problematic as they are becoming more and more outdated. In reviewing our options, we have

requested and received a quote to replace all the computers in the department at once at a cost \$30,996 plus a setup fee which we estimated at approximately \$10,000. We have checked into getting a loan in the amount of \$40,000 over 3 years to stay within the budget. Discussion continued regarding options. Suggestion was made to pay the difference from the budget amount from the Capital Reserve Fund instead of paying interest.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to order the computers at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.00 with the excess over budgeted amount to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – great job by the officers, thank you

Mount Pocono – great job by the officers, thank you

Chief updated Mount Pocono Representatives on 12 Devenshire as was requested last month.

Tunkhannock Township – great job by the officers, thank you

Coolbaugh – great job by the officers, thank you

Barrett Township – great job by the officers, thank you

- **Generator Repair**

Chairman Moyer stated he did some research on this item that we tabled last month to see if we can get a better price on the repair but all his contacts he went through kept filtering back to the current vendor, Emergency Services which is who we use. They are the only service contractor in this area for that generator. Chief stated the repair quote is for \$7,249.20 to replace the battery, radiator, supply, and water pump.

Motion:

William Weimer made a motion to approve the Generator Repair at a cost not to exceed \$7,249.20, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Well Repair / Remediation**

Chief stated that an extension pipe was welded onto the well casing, cap reinstalled, and the well was shocked we are now waiting for the re-testing.

- **2022/2023 Hiring Process**

PT test was held on Sunday – 17 eligible – 13 showed – 10 passed. Round 1 of interviews scheduled for April 14 and Round 2 will be the following week – Chief requested a Commission Member to sit in – Francis DePiano volunteered.

- **Pension**

4th Quarter 2021 Investment Performance Review. Market Value as of 10/1/21 \$29,513,965 – net flows \$601,066 with a return on investments of \$1,282,503 ending the fund at \$31,397,534 as of 12/31/2021.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 4th Quarter Pension Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

Sgt. LaRue, Cpl. Nero, and Det. Burk went to a residence in Stillwater Lakes for a Make a Wish request for a 4-year-old.

Chief read a letter of thanks to Chairman Moyer for his assistance after witnessing an accident – his actions are deeply appreciated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeanine Hofbauer mentioned that the Foundation is currently running the Back the Blue Shirt Sales campaign to raise funds for the department.

Janice Smith Hughes – Pocono Farms East Association – thanked the board and department for doing an exceptional job.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by __. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Seese
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary