

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
11 APRIL 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
DAVID CARBONE	-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
HARRY COLEMAN		-HARRY COLEMAN LAW

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Business Meeting of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission was held at the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Building, called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Moyer and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting on litigation. The Executive Session started at approximately 6:30 p.m. and ended at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 14 March 2023, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 11 April 2023 in the amount of \$253,470.84.84 seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of March were 1080 consisting of 997 Complaints and 83 Accidents. There were a total of 93 Criminal Arrests, 235 Traffic Arrests, 259 Traffic Warnings and 6 Ordinance Arrests.

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

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to accept the March Police Report, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for March.

Unmarked Car #40 was sold on Municibid for \$7500. The proceeds will be put toward the new Car #40 which is on order. Car #12, which has been out of commission since January 2022 due to a parts shortage, has been determined to be a total loss. The department anticipates a payment of approximately \$12,000 for this vehicle. Car #62 (Ford F-550) has a blown engine. The engine replacement is expected to be costly. Chief Wagner requested discussion and, if the Commission is in agreement, approval to move the insurance proceeds for Car #12 to be used to pay for the parts for Car #62.

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the transfer of insurance proceeds from Car #12 to be used for the repairs of Car #62, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Wagner reviewed the high-mileage vehicles of the fleet and vehicle expenses for the month of March.

Motion:

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

- **Resolution 2003-001 – Vehicle Lease 2023 Ford Explorer**

Chief Wagner asked the Commission members to review Resolution 2023-001 2023 Ford Explorer Vehicle Lease and submitted it for approval.

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to accept resolution 2023-001/2023 Ford Explorer Vehicle Lease, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Pension**

Alex Goldsmith from PFM Asset Management presented the 2022 Annual Report for the Police Pension. The stock market was very volatile in 2022 but the fourth quarter finished stronger than predicted but slightly behind the benchmark.

The market value of the plan as of December 31, 2022, was \$25,510,820.

- **Annual Report**

Chief Wagner presented and reviewed the 2022 Annual Report.

- **Resolution 2003-002 – Disposition of Records**

Chief Wagner asked the Commission members to review Resolution 2023-002 / Disposition of Records and submitted it for approval. The next community shred event will take place on May 7, 2023.

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to accept resolution 2023-002 / Disposition of Records, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

• **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Thank you to the entire department.

Tunkhannock Township – Everyone is doing a great job. Thank you.

Barrett Township – The new officers are patrolling and meeting members of the community – great job.

Coolbaugh Township – Grateful for the increase and continuous officer presence. Requested confirmation that an officer will attend the monthly meeting. Advised that tractor trailers are blocking visibility when they pull off at the gas station on Rte. 611.

Mount Pocono Borough – Requested an increase in ticketing in the Borough for vehicles parked in the fire zones. Also, the Borough would like a breakdown by store of crimes committed.

• **LSA Grant**

No new update on the LSA Grant. Chief Wagner is expecting notification sometime in May.

• **American Recovery Act Grant**

Chief Wagner advised that quotes need to be updated and/or revised. The department is waiting for the quotes to come in at which time he will update the application.

• **2022/2023 Hiring Process**

The written exam was administered at Kalahari Convention Center on Sunday, April 2, 2023. Chief Wagner publicly thanked Kalahari for the complimentary breakfast they provided to the candidates and officers. PMRPD is continuing to seek out innovative ways to attract quality candidates for the unfilled officer positions. There were 93 registrants for the test and 71 presented to take the exam. The results are expected later this week.

• **Community Events / Letters of Support**

- March 3rd - Det/Cpl. Miller read to the first-grade class at TEC as part of the Read Across America Day.
- March 11th – Cpl. Nero with K9 Creed spoke at the Briar Crest Woods Community Meeting.
- March 22nd - Lt. Vogt and Cpl. Chaffee assisted in judging the National Occupational Competency testing at Monroe County Vo-tech.
- March 25th – Lt. Vogt spoke at Northampton Community College to the Project Success Summer Youth Employment Program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Janice Smith-Hughes from Pocono Farms East thanked the Chief, Commission and officers for their community service and keeping everyone safe. Ms. Hughes-Smith extended congratulations to retired officers Lutz and Carey. She also advised that Pocono Farms East will hold their meeting on the last Saturday of October and will be providing breakfast.

As a manager in the community, Ms. Hughes-Smith had some questions for Chief Wagner as to what rises to the level of the charge of Disorderly Conduct.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Brendon Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracy Fox. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Seese
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary