

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
12 APRIL 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
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CRAYSON CHEUNG	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
TONY LAMANTIA	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY COLEMAN		-HARRY COLEMAN LAW

ABSENT:

KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
RANDY ALTEMOSE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
DON STRUCKLE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER

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 7:00 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 6:35 p.m. and ended approximately 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 08 March 2022, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 12 April 2022 in the amount of \$346,843.41, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of March were 1143 consisting of 1048 Complaints and 95 Accidents. There were a total of 81 Criminal Arrests, 145 Traffic Arrests, 157 Traffic Warnings and 3 Ordinance Arrests.

Chief updated the Commission on the status of speed timing devises in Pennsylvania stating that the only approved Speed Timing devises for Municipal Police Departments are Tracker and Vascar. The company that makes these devises is going out of business and since Pennsylvania Legislature will not approve Radar for Municipal Police Departments, we will be forced to go back to stop watches and calculators which is not feasible for our officers.

Discussion continued. Chief encouraged the municipalities to reach out to their state representatives to work at pushing through for approval of radar.

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 April Police Report, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for March. The 4 new vehicles are in our lot, and we are now waiting for the upfit equipment, and we need to pass the resolutions to enter into the lease with Fulton Bank. Vehicle Lease Resolutions 2022-001, -002, -003, -004 were presented for adoption in the amount of \$60,437.20 each.

Motion:

Brendon Carroll made a motion to adopt Resolution Numbers 2022-001, 2022-002, 2022-003 and 2022-004 each in the principal amount of \$60,427.20, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Workers Compensation Insurance**

Tabled until next month

- **Annual Report**

Chief Wagner presented and reviewed the 2021 Annual Report.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 2021 Annual Report, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Thanks to the department

Tunkhannock Township – Thanks to the department

Coolbaugh Township – Tractor Trailer parking issue on Route 611. Looking to petition PennDOT to reduce the speed in town and would like Chief to review before submission. Appreciating the coverage in Coolbaugh. Praise for Officer Ashley Rzeszewski on her handling a case at Walmart Distribution.

Mount Pocono Borough –

Barrett Township – Thanks to the department

- **Well Repair / Remediation**

The well pipe extension was installed, system was shocked it was retested and failed again. According to DEP since we failed 2 tests, we now need to bring in a water specialist to diagnose the problem.

- **Wastewater Remediation**

Insurance coverage was \$25,000.00. The decontamination phase cost \$17,155.38 plus the Circuit Panel Repair cost \$1,274.00. For the reconstruction phase we were quoted \$23,644.66 putting the total remediation cost \$17,074.04 over what insurance covered. Decision was made to do some of the work internally to save on the cost. By purchasing supplies directly through Lowes and doing the work internally, hiring a painter and carpet installer we were able to reduce the reconstruction phase to \$8,212.57 which is still approximately \$1,600 over the insurance coverage.

- **2023 CBA**

There was a meeting today between the Officers Association and the Commission Bargaining Committee for salary only.

- **2022/2023 Hiring Process**

First round of interviews scheduled for April 14. Second round within the next week or two after that.

- **Pension**

Next pension meeting May 17.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

Cpl. Chaffee and Ofc Wile presented with Exceptional Service Awards from the VFW of Tobyhanna

Plaque for Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency presented to the Department from PNOA

Letter of Thanks to Ofc Ashley Rzeszewski for her handling of a Domestic Incident

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Carl Hamilton impressed with Sgt. LaRue's on handling of a situation at the Weis Shopping Center and the professionalism of this police department.

Janice Smith-Hughes – raised concerns about the warehouses coming into the neighborhood.

Jeanine Hofbauer stated the total funds raised from the recent Back the Blue Shirt Sales was \$2,650.00 thanking the community for their support.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Seese
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary

