

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
10 MAY 2022**

PRESENT:

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM WEIMER	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
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
OWEN COLEMAN		-HARRY COLEMAN LAW

ABSENT:

JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-SECRETARY
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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 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Moyer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Brendon Carroll made a motion to adopt the minutes of 12 April 2022, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 10 May 2022 in the amount of \$180,914.88, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of April were 1024 consisting of 956 Complaints and 68 Accidents. There were a total of 73 Criminal Arrests, 149 Traffic Arrests, 114 Traffic Warnings and 4 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 April Police Report, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for April. Chief indicated that the new vehicles are in however we are now waiting for equipment for the upfit.

Motion:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **1st Quarter Budget vs Actual**

Chief presented and review the 1st Quarter Budget vs Actual report for 2022.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 1st Quarter Budget vs Actual Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- **1st Quarter Treasurer Report**

General Fund-\$4,063,707.58, Prescription Fund-\$31,147.63, Capital Projects Fund-\$14,467.37, Asset Forfeiture Fund-\$362,521.89, Capital Reserve Fund-\$319,243.67, Police Pension Fund-\$29,282,016.31, Non-Uniform Pension Fund-\$299,488.74.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 1st Quarter Treasurers Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Memorial Day Parade and thanks

Mount Pocono Borough – Concerns about Fire Company Carnival Grounds requesting patrols on the back lots where there seemed to be partying in prior years

Tunkhannock Township – Thanks for meeting assistance

Coolbaugh Township – Thanks for meeting support, meetings moved back to municipal building, still complaints about tractor trailers in the town on 423, burn ban still in effect

Barrett Township –

- **Well Repair / Remediation**

With the additional positive test, we were put into Phase 2 where we needed to bring in a water specialist. Pure Water Systems recommended shocking the well again which was completed, we are now waiting for the additional water sample results.

- **Waste Water Remediation**

Reconstruction Phase is complete.

- **2023 CBA**

Francis DePiano informed the Commission that there was a meeting with the Bargaining Committee this afternoon – recommendations were made that need to go back to the Association.

- **2022/2023 Hiring Process**

- **Police Officer**

Chief Wagner indicated that the second round of interviews were conducted 25 April, there were 8 applicants remained and have been ranked.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion that the hiring desires by the Commission be pulled from the current list, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously

- **Executive Assistant**

Chief Wagner requested, with the nearing retirement of Kathy Matisak approval to advertise the Executive Assistant position.

Motion:

William Weimer made a motion to advertise the Executive Assistant position, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously

- **Pension**

Next Pension meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 17.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

Nothing to report for April

Jeanine Hoffbauer explained and requesting posting the upcoming campaign that the Foundation is running for National Police Week – Foodies for the Police – area restaurants are donating a percentage of their daily proceeds – Mountaintop Lodge on May 15 and Jubilee Restaurant on May 19 and Wings and a Prayer also participating date to follow. Also, area restaurants will be donating meals daily to show support for the officers.

Chief Wagner stated that the Law Enforcement profession has had a rocky road over the past few years, but he has noticed with our community and Northeast Pennsylvania and Northern Monroe County that our communities have been very supportive of our officers, and it is very much appreciated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Janice Smith-Hugues asked what the protocol is for giving appreciation gifts to officers. Chief stated that our policy prohibits them from taking any gifts, gratuities, bribes etc.

Carl Hamilton reiterated what the chief said about how appreciative he is when the community shows the support for the service. As a veteran, when he wears his veteran hats, he is always thanked for his service, he gets more

appreciation now than when he came home from war, which he appreciates greatly. Mr. Hamilton was thanked for sharing and for his service.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William Weimer
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Treasurer