

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
14 JUNE 2022**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

WILLIAM WEIMER	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-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 6:00 p.m. and ended approximately 6:30 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 10 May 2022 seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 14 June 2022 in the amount of \$294,101.28, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

➤ **Mortgage Paid Off**

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of May were 1234 consisting of 1141 Complaints and 93 Accidents. There were a total of 56 Criminal Arrests, 205 Traffic Arrests, 164 Traffic Warnings and 1 Ordinance Arrest.

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

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for May. New vehicles are still waiting for upfit parts.

Motion:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Pedestrian Enforcement**

There were 3 Pedestrian Enforcement Details conducted in Mount Pocono over the last month which consisted of 50-man hours that resulted in 18 citations and 31 warnings.

- **Latent Print Forensic Grant Award**

PA Chiefs of Police notified of a grant opportunity for the Latent Print Forensic Equipment. Det. Venneman wrote up the specs for the grant which we submitted. We were advised that we were 1 of 8 recipients awarded the \$5,800 Automatic Cyanoacrylate Fuming Chamber Equipment.

- **Speed Studies**

Chief reviewed speed studies conducted at the following locations

SR 611 & Knob Road
SR 611 @ Library
SR 940 & Jonas Farm
SR 940 @ SR 314
King Arthur Road

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township –

Tunkhannock Township – Good

Coolbaugh – Complaints about truck parking and people hanging in and around the old Charter School, thanks for the speed sign being put out, commend everyone for the professionalism handling the motorcycle accident on 196.

Chief advised that patrol was informed about the complaints of truck traffic through the town of Tobyhanna and indicated at least one oversized truck was pulled over which had the permit authorizing the route. We will keep an eye on it but mostly PSP and PennDOT issue.

Mount Pocono – Request to start up foot patrols again and more visibility. Complaints of loose dogs in Pine Hill

Barrett Township – Thanks for meeting coverage.

- **Well Repair / Remediation**

Chief advised that the May and June water tests came back meeting the EPA standards for safe drinking water for Coliform.

- **2023 CBA**

Francis DePiano indicated that Commission negotiators have met with the Union and have come to an agreement on the 2023 CBA.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the 2023 CBA to take back to the municipalities, seconded by John Seese. The motion passed unanimously.

- **2023 Administrative Agreements**

Francis DePiano stated that the Administrative Agreements have been agreed upon by the Committee and will follow the same trend as the CBA.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the 2023 Administrative Agreements to take back to the municipalities, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

- **2022/2023 Hiring Process**

Officers – The 2 Cadets graduated the Police Academy on Friday and started their in-house training yesterday along with a hire from this new list that already had Act 120. New Officers are Shane Schneider, Daniel Campagna and Emily Borger.

Executive Assistant – Position advertised on Indeed and the Association of Boroughs. Interviews to start on Thursday.

- Resignation – Resignation letter received from Secretary Laura Deane after 16 years of service. Resigning effective September 9, 2022.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the resignation of Laura Deane and advertise for replacement, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously

- **Pension**

There was a pension meeting on May 17 for the 1st Quarter of 2022. 1st Quarter started at \$31,435,468 – net flows (\$236,913) with a loss of return on investments of (\$1,879,333) ending the fund at \$29,319,222.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

May 3 – Ofc Price – Monroe County Children’s Round Table at Northampton County Community College

May 5 – Sgt. Posluszny – Scam Jam at VFW in Tobyhanna

May 13 – Patrol, Detectives & Administrative Officers – Swiftwater Elementary Annual Officer Appreciation Lunch

May 18 – Patrol, Detectives & Administrative Officers – Tobyhanna Elementary Annual Officer Appreciation Lunch

May 29 – Ofc Lutkowski & Ofc Metzger – Mount Pocono Fly In Breakfast

May 30 – Patrol Officers – Pocono Pines Memorial Day Parade

May 30 – Ofc Scheetz – Coolbaugh Township Memorial Day Ceremony

Letters of Support – Sgt. LaRue a special thank you for saving a life 20 years ago, never forgotten

Ofc Rzeszewski praise and thank you for compassion during a fire call at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines.

Cpl. Nero – nominated and selected to receive North American Police Work Dog Association Valor Award

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jeanine Hofbauer added that the Month of May was National Police Week there were several residents and businesses that brought food for the officers for Police Week. Also 2 businesses participated in the Foodies for the PD Fundraiser – Vanguilders Jubilee 10% of the days proceeds \$850.00 but will add \$150.00 for a total of \$1,000.00 and Mountaintop Lodge of Lake Naomi – 20% of the days proceeds \$350.00

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

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

Respectfully submitted,



John Seese
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary