

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
13 December 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
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
RANDY ALTEMOSE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
DON STRUCKLE	-MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY COLEMAN, ESQ.		-COLEMAN LAW

ABSENT:

CRAYSON CHEUNG	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
TONY LAMANTIA	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-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 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Moyer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session held regarding litigation prior to the Regular Meeting on 13 December 2022. The Executive Session started approximately 6:35 p.m. and ended approximately 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 16 November 2022, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 13 December 2022 in the amount of \$212,565.88, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of November were 1033 consisting of 940 Complaints and 93 Accidents. There was a total of 92 Criminal Arrests, 239 Traffic Arrests, 217 Traffic Warnings and nine 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 December Police Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the vehicle mileage and expense report for December 2022. Some of the vehicles in the fleet are high mileage and will be evaluated for replacement in 2023.

Motions:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Transfer Unencumbered Monies – Resolution 2022-006

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-006, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The total dollar amount of the unencumbered monies transfer is \$316,665.00. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Set Reorganization and 2023 Meeting Schedule

Chief Wagner proposed that the 2023 Reorganization Meeting be scheduled for January 10, 2023 and the regular Commission Meeting remaining on the second Tuesday of the month.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept and advertise the Reorganization Meeting and the 2023 Meeting Schedule remaining on the second Tuesday of each month, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

A. Member Municipality Concerns

Tobyhanna Township – Brendon Carroll thanked the Chief for all the department does for their community.

Mount Pocono Borough – Don Struckle mentioned the increase in patrol presence at the Five Points and how it helps the surrounding area.

Tunkhannock Township – Fran DePiano thanked the Chief for the department's hard work and concern for the community.

Coolbaugh Township – Bill Weimer expressed his appreciation on behalf of the township for the extra patrol time. Additionally, he commended the Chief and the department for always responding to their concerns in a timely and detailed manner.

Barrett Township – John Seese thanked Sgt. Charlie LaRue and Officer Keith Eichler for working to help the township with issues that have arisen with the purchase of the new school.

B. 2023 Budget

Chief Wagner advised that Barrett Township, Coolbaugh Township, Tobyhanna Township, Tunkhannock Township and Mount Pocono Borough have passed resolutions on the 2023 Budget. He requested the Commission make a motion to approve Budget Draft 1 as the official Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department 2023 Budget.

Motion:

Bill Weimer made a motion to accept Budget Draft 1 as the official Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department 2023 Budget, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

C. LSA Grant

No new update available. Chief Wagner advised that the announcement for the LSA Grant is typically in the Spring.

D. American Recovery Act Grant

Chief Wagner confirmed that the PCCD website had no new information but he anticipates word sometime before December 19, 2022 as the grant goes live in January 1, 2023.

E. Rolling Shelves

Rolling Shelves are set to be installed mid-January.

F. 2023 Hiring Process

There is no new update on the 2023 officer hiring process. Chief Wagner is awaiting word on the American Recovery Act Grant to proceed.

G. Pension

No new update. The next Pension meeting is scheduled in February 2023.

Community Events / Letters of Support

The following are the community events attended by the department in the month of November:

November 3rd - Officers participated in the Grand Opening of the Wawa on Route 940.

November 14th – Lt. Vogt spoke to a Criminal Justice class at the Monroe County Area Vo-Tech and Officer Dunlap taught a *Stop the Bleed* course.

November 19th - Cpl. Nero attended the Grand Opening of the Dunkin Donuts in Pocono Summit.

November 21st - Officer Wile did a presentation on School Resource Officer programs and school safety at East Stroudsburg University.

The Pocono Mountain Regional Police Foundation continues to support law enforcement and our communities. Chief Wagner advised the Commission that this year the PMRPF selected to fund a Shop with a Cop program with \$5,000. To bring the holiday spirit to some less fortunate at this time of year, the Foundation has purchased Walmart gift cards to be distributed. In conjunction with the

Pocono Mountain School District, ten families were selected to receive a \$500 gift card. Officer Wile and Officer Smelas accompanied them holiday shopping on December 13, 2023. Additionally, the PMRPF purchased \$300 in Dunkin Donuts gift cards for the officers to hand out to people in the municipalities during the course of their day. Chief Wagner provided photographs to the Commission members and gratitude to the Foundation.

No Shave November – The PMR Officers’ Association participates in this charity annually. The officers donate and select a family that is in need. A local family that has a child afflicted with a debilitating disease was selected as this year’s recipient. The 2023 total raised was \$1,100. Corporal Millar spearheaded this program and also invited the little girl in for a tour of the department. Both the family and the officers were overwhelmed with appreciation.

Special Victim Christmas – The department was contacted by the Luzerne County District Attorney’s Office regarding a severe case of child abuse. Their request of the department was to escort Santa to the child’s current home. In a fantastic demonstration of teamwork, the PMRPD and Administration, represented by Cpl. Chaffee and Officer Rzeszewski, arrived with Santa, the Christmas spirit and many gifts for the little girl.

Jeanine Hofbauer informed the Commission that the distribution of the mailers for the First Annual Residential Donation Drive began on December 1, 2023. Please encourage everyone in your respective communities to participate. Payments can be made online or by check.

Public Participation

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Weimer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Seese
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary