

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION / REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
09 JANUARY 2024**

PRESENT:

DAVID MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM WEIMER	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
TRACY FOX	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CRAYSON CHEUNG	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
UNTILLED	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
UNFILLED	-TOBYHANNA 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:

JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-SECRETARY
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Reorganization 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 Chief Chris Wagner with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Chief Wagner welcomed all to the reorganizational meeting of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police and opened nominations for Chairman.

Motion:

Crayson Cheung made a motion to have the current officers remain in their respective positions for 2024 as follows:

Chairman: Dave Moyer

Vice-Chairman: Francis DePiano

Treasurer: William Weimer

Secretary: John Seese

Solicitor: Harry Coleman, Esq. / Coleman Law

Labor Counsel: Campbell Durrant

Non-Uniform Pension Trustees: Dave Moyer, PMRPC Chairman - Francis DePiano, PMRPC Vice-Chairman - William Weimer, PMRPC Treasurer - John Seese, PMRPC Secretary - Chris Wagner, PMRPD Chief of Police.

The motion was seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Wagner advised Tobyhanna Township was only going to appoint one member to the commission until they formalize how they're going to handle the other appointments.

Close Reorganization Meeting

Francis DePiano made a motion to close the Reorganization meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The Reorganization meeting ended approximately 7:04 p.m.

OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING @ 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the 12 December 2023 minutes as presented. Crayson Cheung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motions:

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-Pack of 12 December 2023 in the amount of \$185,512.39, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Wagner advised the total calls for the month of December were 944, consisting of 867 Complaints and 77 Accidents. There was a total of 79 Criminal Arrests, 136 Traffic Arrests, 102 Traffic Warnings and 12 Ordinance Arrests.

Chief Wagner also discussed the 5-year overview of the UCR breakdown and trends.

Chief Wagner reviewed the stats for each municipality.

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to approve the December Police Report as presented, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT

The Chief advised three of the five new police vehicles are in. The new vehicles are three Ford Interceptors, with two Dodge Durango's that were set aside and also ready for delivery. Once financing is in place, deliveries will be scheduled.

The Chief went over the highs and lows of the current fleet vehicles' mileage along with the monthly and year-to-date costs. Car 21 had a blown motor at 80,000 miles. It was replaced under warranty and

back on the road. Car 1, which is a K9 vehicle, still has the highest mileage of all fleet vehicles but will be kept on the road for as long as possible.

Motion:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tobyhanna Representative Change:**

Chief Wagner advised he was informed by Tobyhanna Township that they are looking to do a similar modification to the agreement to that of Tunkhannock Township from last month. They are looking to elect three residents of the township rather than supervisor/etc. David Moyer was appointed as single representative until further notice.

- **Personnel:**

Chief Wagner advised that Doreen Dantzler handed in her letter of resignation. Chief Wagner also recognized the department's newest officers, Officer Peters, Officer Bond and Officer Thomas have graduated from the academy and are beginning their in-house training.

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to accept Doreen Dantzler's letter of resignation and William Weimer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Dave Moyer thanked Chief Wanger and the department.

Tunkhannock Township – Fran DePiano advised Tunkhannock Township is extremely pleased with the character and services they receive.

Coolbaugh Township – William Weimer is looking forward to a successful 2024 and requested an officer's presence at their meetings. Kurt Cummings thanked Chief Wagner and Tracy Fox said the department does a great job and has a great reputation in the community.

Mount Pocono Borough – Don Struckle thanked PMRPD and invited officers to tour the marijuana dispensary that will be opening in Mount Pocono soon.

Barrett Township – Secretary John Seese was absent.

- **LSA Grant**

Chief Wagner advised the vehicle received through the LSA Grant is awaiting an upfit.

- **American Recovery Act Grant**

Chief Wagner advised that the LPR's have been received with the first round of training completed and another taking place in February. The in-car cameras are in and awaiting upfitting. The Motorola radios have arrived and are awaiting programming and installation.

- **2024 Hiring Process**

Chief Wagner advised the application process has started on the police app website. Newspaper, billboard and social media advertisement will begin this week. The written testing will be held at Pocono Mountain West High School Cafeteria on Sunday, 11 February 2024. The PT testing site is East Stroudsburg University and has been confirmed for 16 March 2024.

- **2024 Promotional Process**

Chief Wagner advised that promotion testing will be held on Sunday and there are ten internal applicants. Chief Wagner did request members of the commission to attend these interviews, following the testing. Fran DiPiano and Tracy Fox volunteered to participate in the process.

Motion:

Fran Depiano made a motion to approve the request. David Moyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Pension**

Chief Wagner advised there are no updates to report regarding the pension and the next meeting is set to take place in February 2024.

- **Community Events and Letters of Support**

12/1/23 - Corporal Chaffee attended the tree lighting ceremony at the Clymer Library.

12/9/23 - Officer Lutkowski attended the K9 pancake fundraiser out of PCP's clubhouse.

12/11/23 - Officer Dunlap, Officer Eicher and Officer Saprana were present at the Walmart Distribution Center and Trooper Josh Miller memorial site for the annual race across America.

12/13/23 - Officer Michaels, Officer Smelas, Officer Sheranko and Officer Wile attended Shop with a Cop event at the Mount Pocono Walmart.

After discussing community events, Chief Wagner read outload a letter received from the Mount Pocono Parks and Recreation thanking the police department for their involvement in the trunk or treat events.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Fran DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William Weimer
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Treasurer