

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
8 FEBRUARY 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 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Moyer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Moyer asked for a moment of silence to remember Vinny Massaro and Billy Fields.

ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting on Personnel. The Executive Session started approximately 6:30 p.m. and ended approximately 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 11 January 2022 Reorganization / Regular Business Meeting, seconded by Crayson Cheung. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 8 February 2022 in the amount of \$150,247.56, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of January were 1098 consisting of 985 Complaints and 113 Accidents. There were a total of 62 Criminal Arrests, 146 Traffic Arrests, 110 Traffic Warnings and 13 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 January Police Report, seconded by William Weimer.

Kurt Cummings asked how Marijuana offenses are dealt with now with some states having legalized it. Chief stated that Pennsylvania Law takes precedence, it's legality in another state is irrelevant here.

With no additional comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner reviewed the mileage and expense report for January.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the January Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Kurt Cummings asked if there is an oil change plan with the new vehicles. Chief responded that it is a dealer perc that can be offered but we have found that it is less down time by having our mechanic doing the oil change and tire rotation, the vehicle is back on the road that same evening rather than sitting at a dealer.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **4th Quarter Treasurer Report**

General Fund-\$4,142,199.75, Prescription Fund-\$36,427.42, Capital Projects Fund-\$14,479.01, Asset Forfeiture Fund-\$362,477.15, Capital Reserve Fund-\$319,228.28, Police Pension Fund-\$31,393,174.58, Non-Uniform Pension Fund-\$317,240.92.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 4th Quarter Treasurers Report, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously

- **Preliminary 4th Quarter Budget vs Actual**

Chief presented the Preliminary 4th Quarter Budget Report indicating that preliminary we came in 4.5% – 5% under budget pending any Financial Audit adjustments.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the Preliminary 4th Quarter Treasurers Report, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously

- **Generator Repair**

Chief reported that the generator that was installed with the building 20 years ago needs a new radiator, new battery and new water pump for the engine. Emergency Systems Service Company who services the generator

quoted \$7,249.20 to do the repairs. Discussion continued regarding the repair and the possibility of replacing the generator. More research is needed to determine which route to take. Tabled until next month.

- **Well Water**

Chief advised that due to having a public restroom in the lobby we are required to have our water tested monthly. The last test came back with Coliform in the water. After discussion with the plumber, the well pipe was installed at ground level, which was code at the time the building was built, but now surface water may be seeping in. With the emergency situation Chief indicated that he has authorized moving forward and will be getting quotes for the excavation and installation of a well casing extension..

- **Personnel**

Chief stated that there have been 3 Officer Resignations within the past month:

Jesse Bohrman resigned effective 1/24/2022

Robert Ellis resigned effective 1/25/2022

William Carey resigned effective 1/31/2022

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the resignations of Jesse Bohrman, Robert Ellis and William Carey respectively, seconded by William Weimer. The motion passed unanimously

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Thankful for service and offered help if needed

Tunkhannock Township – Same

Coolbaugh – None

Mount Pocono – 1) For Safety Commission they are looking for information on 5K Run. 2) Concerns on Short Term Rental at 12 Devenshire requested Officers can keep an eye on it.

Barrett Township –

- **2022/2023 Hiring Process**

Chief stated that at this time hiring is dismal in the Law Enforcement profession. Our Written Exam was held on Sunday January 30. With 69 applicants there were 13 no shows – 56 applicants took the test and unfortunately only 18 of the applicants passed to move forward to the Physical Test tentatively scheduled for March 6 pending approval from ESU.

- **Pension**

Next Pension meeting 2/15/2022

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

January 24 – Ofc. Jason Wile spoke to Cub Scout Pack #89 in Barrett Township

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Moyer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William Weimer
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Treasurer