

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
05 JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT:

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
FREDERICK COURTRIGHT	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-TREASURER
JUAN ADAMS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-SECRETARY
ANNE LAMBERTON	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
JOHN JABLOWSKI	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
BRANDON IGDALSKY	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
MICHAEL OSER	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-MEMBER
RALPH MEGLIOLA	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
LYNN KELLY	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE

ABSENT:

DAVID POPE	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
HARRY COLEMAN		-SOLICITOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was an Executive Session prior to the Reorganization / Regular Meeting to discuss personnel issues. The Executive Session began approximately 6:00 p.m. and ended approximately 6:50 p.m.

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.

Chief Wagner introduced and welcomed new commission members Lynn Kelly-Coolbaugh Township and Mike Oser- Mt Pocono Borough.

REORGANIZATION:

Nominations for Executive Committee:

The Chief opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission for 2017.

Anne Lamberton made a motion to nominate David Moyer for Chairman, Francis DePiano for Vice Chairman, Frederick Courtright for Treasurer, Juan Adams for Secretary and Harry Coleman for Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Ralph Megliola.

With no additional nominations, Francis DePiano made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Ralph Megliola. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint David Moyer as Chairman, Francis DePiano as Vice Chairman, Frederick Courtright as Treasurers, Juan Adams as Secretary and Harry Coleman as Solicitor passed unanimously.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman David Moyer.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Juan Adams made a motion to approve the Minutes of 13 December 2016 Regular Business Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Francis DePiano and passed.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Juan Adams made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 5 January 2017 in the amount of \$126,269.18. The motion was seconded by Francis DePiano. The motion passed unanimously.

SWEARING CEREMONY:

Judge Riley conducted the Swearing Ceremony of Officers Jack Apgar and Eric Johnson.

2018 PROMOTIONAL PROCESS: (moved up from Update)

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to promote Corporal Nicholas Mecca to position of Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Brandon Idgalsky and passed unanimously.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to promote Detective Robert Miller to position of Corporal. The motion was seconded by Juan Adams and passed unanimously.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to remove the interium title from Lt. Vogt to Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by Juan Adams and passed unanimously.

Chief Wagner presented the promotion orders: Sgt. Nicholas Mecca, Corp. Robert Miller and Lt. Kristopher Vogt.

INTERMISSION 7:15-7:25

DECEMBER POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of December were 1028 total calls consisting of 903 Complaints and 125 Accidents. There were a total of 102 Criminal Arrests, 293 Traffic Arrests, 156 Traffic Warnings and 25 Ordinance Arrests.

Chief Wagner went over the monthly and year to date activity numbers as well as the UCR Crime Stats.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the December Police Report, seconded by John Jablowski.

Ralph Megliola asked with the numbers going up, considering this is the first year with Barrett –how much of the increase is contributed to adding another municipality? Chief stated that the total calls in Barrett was 1086, which does create a significant impact. We would have to watch and adjust the police services accordingly.

Brandon Igdalsky requested that the total call column be split to show current month and previous year same month for comparison.

The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief Wagner went over the vehicle report, stating car #1 (K9 vehicle) with an electrical problem and Car #5 with a transmission problem are both out of service. These vehicles will be decommissioned. Chief Wagner then asked for a motion to bid out Cars #1 and # 5.

Motion:

Juan Adams made the motion to bid out cars #1 and #5. The motion was seconded by John Jablowski.

Brandon Igdalsky made comment to the amount of money spent on the repairs of the Dodge's.

Chief Wagner commented the department was going with Fords this year. Vehicles with high mileage- car 3 and car 7 will be replaced.

The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns –**

Tobyhanna Township- None

Tunkhannock Township- None

Mt Pocono-None

Coolbaugh-Lynn Kelly requested to have all documents for commission meetings sent to commission members prior to the meeting for their review.

Barrett- Mr. Megliola thanked the Chief for a first full year. He commented on the department's response to a recent bank robbery in Barrett.

- **2018 HIRING** – Chief stated a conditional offer of employment has been made to our #5 candidate- Amanda Healy and # 6 candidate Ryan King. Background investigations have been started. Healy will be the replacement for Officer James Apgar, who will be resigning next week. Healey is a police officer from another state and will require some training. King is part of the 2017 budget hire and is a Philadelphia police officer.

Chief Wagner stated the current hiring list will expire in August. Chief stated next month he would like to entertain getting a motion to start the process for a new hiring list.

- **Pension** –with the new bargaining Agreement there is a new Drop Pension Plan

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2017-001 to add Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) provision to current pension plan. The motion was seconded by John Jablowski.

Lynn Kelly asked for an explanation of the program.

Chief Wagner explained it allows an officer to set their retirement. They can remain in it for up to three years. They would sign a form that stated they are entering the drop program with a resignation date to be set. Once it is approved it is set in stone. They are no longer contributing to the pension plan. And the pension that they would be receiving goes into escrow. The program allows the department to retain experienced officers and project retirement.

Lynn Kelly asked if this was something that they would have to put in for when getting ready to retire. Chief Wagner explained it is not a requirement, it is an option. They can only enter the program once they hit the 50 and 25 requirements.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Community Events/Letters of Support-**

December 12th- Chief Wagner, Lt. Vogt, Lt. Williams, Sgt. LaRue, Officer Benner and Officer Lutz attended the Josh Miller wreath laying ceremony on SR 611, Coolbaugh Township. (Sponsored by Wal-Mart Distribution Center)

December 14th- Officer Lutkowski and K9 Chase conducted a meet and greet at Swiftwater Elementary Center.

December 19th- Sgt. Posluszny, Corp Mecca, Officer James Apgar and Officer Jack Apgar attended a Holiday meeting of Boy Scout Troop #94 at Pocono Summit Fire House. The event was to present handmade stockings for United States Marine Corp who were deploying after Christmas.

December 23rd-Photo Shoot for Nicole Shafer, a Girl Scout who was working for her silver award-Cuddles for Kids-she accumulated over 1100 stuffed animals-that were presented to PMRPD to be given to children in crisis.

Chief Wagner distributed an article featuring Corp. Nero from the winter 2016 Locust Lake Villager doing a presentation regarding drug abuse.

New Business:

- **Personnel-**

Chief Wagner stated that due to the promotion of Detective Miller to Corporal, there is now an opening in Criminal Investigation Division. Although this is not a promotion; the Chief wanted to advise the commission that he is in the process of filling that spot.

Detective Sgt. Lenning- has elected to enter into the DROP program; with a resignation date of February 3, 2020. Chief Wagner asked for a motion for Det. Sgt. Lenning to enter into the DROP Pension Plan.

Motion:

Frederick Courtright made a motion to approve the DROP election form submitted by Det. Sgt. Lenning with a resignation date of Feb 3, 2020. Juan Adams seconded the motion.

Frederick Courtright did question the form signed on January 3, before the commission approval tonight. The Chief stated he believed that they have to give a 30 day notice therefore the January 3rd date should be fine.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chief Wagner stated there was a termination of an officer due to disciplinary reasons.

- **Re-paving project:**

Chief stated that as discussed in meetings past that our parking lot is not repairable and we would need to start thinking about putting the re-paving project out for specs and bid. Ralph and Dave will look into getting the specs.

- **Flooring project:**

Chief Wagner stated that we need the flooring replaced in the arms room, the kitchen and we should probably look at the downstairs too. Chief stated he will work on getting some bids and specs to present to the commission.

- **Verizon Contract:-**

Chief Wagner stated he is looking at a more cost effective GPS system for the vehicles. Verizon offers GPS for fleet management under the General Service agreement. Verizon is offering 31 units for approximately \$3,000 initial set up fee with a monthly charge per vehicle of \$18.95, which would total \$587.45 (This would be a 1year contract). Our current GPS system, Fleetmatics, if any vehicles were added we would be bound to a three year contract, along with a monthly fee of \$35.00 per vehicle.

Motion:

Juan Adams made a motion to enter into the Verizon GPS Contract for one year. The motion was seconded by Brandon Igdalsky.

Mike Oser asked about the compatibility of units from one company to another. Chief stated he believed that they were probably not compatible. Mr. Oser also asked if the officers can use the wireless line into the cars in place of their cell phones. Brandon Igdalsky stated it is not a wireless line it is a GPS signal. Frederick Courtright asked if any of the current equipment could be used with Verizon. The Chief stated he didn't think so but would look into it.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Francis DePiano reminded the members to make sure their individual municipalities complete background checks on all individuals represented on the commission, and to submit the information to the Chief. Chief

Wagner stated he would send a letter to each municipality as a reminder. Mr. DePiano then stated the background checks should be back by the next commission meeting.

Mr. Courtright asked how often the background checks should be done. Chief stated annually.

- Chairman Moyer commented on a presentation done by Officer Lutkowski, K9 Chase and Sgt. Larue at National Night Out. Chairman Moyer stated it was a very interesting and informative presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

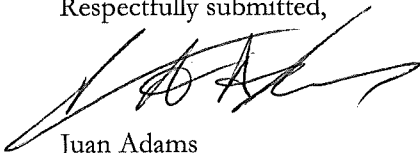
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Anne Lambertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Jablowski. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Juan Adams
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary