

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
9 OCTOBER 2018**

**PRESENT:**

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
MIKE PENN	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-MEMBER
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
JUAN ADAMS	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
LYNN KELLY	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
ALMA RUIZ-SMITH	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY COLEMAN		-SOLICITOR

**ABSENT:**

CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-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.

**PMRPC Resignation**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the resignation of Frederick Courtright as Secretary of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission; the motion was seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Penn, (Mt. Pocono Mayor), was officially stated as representative of Mt. Pocono

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 11 September 2018, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed, with Alma Ruiz Smith, Juan Adams and Mike Penn abstaining.

**APPROVE BILLS:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 9 October 2018 in the amount of \$124,155.12, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed with Mike Penn abstaining.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Total calls for the month of September were 1111 consisting of 1017 Complaints and 94 Accidents. There were a total of 72 Criminal Arrests, 148 Traffic Arrests, 119 Traffic Warnings and 12 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 September Police Report, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

**VEHICLE REPORT:**

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for September.

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the September Vehicle Report, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Policy Revision 16-11 Noise Flash Diversionary Device**

**Motion:**

David Carbone made a motion to accept the Policy Revision 16-11 Noise Flash Diversionary Device, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

b. **LSA Grant** – Chief Wagner stated that the department has once again applied for LSA Grant in the amount of \$150,817 for in-car video systems. PMRPF has funded the grant writer.

**UPDATE:**

• **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – N/A

Tunkhannock Township – N/A

Coolbaugh – Alma Ruiz Smith thanked Det. Lucas Bray for his participation in C.O.G regarding the Opioid Crisis.

Mount Pocono – N/A

Barrett Township – N/A

• **Computer Infrastructure**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the Co-stars proposal from SSI, for PMRPD Cloud Hosting quote in the amount of \$8,042.39 a month, plus a onetime payment of \$9,132; moving the majority of our data to the cloud, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed, with Mike Penn abstaining.

• **2018-2019 Hiring**

Chief Wagner stated 61 applicants took the physical testing with 37 passing. The first round of interviews was October 1-3 narrowing the candidates to the remaining 10. Second round of interviews are scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>, with Chief Wagner, Lt. Vogt, Lt. Williams and Commissioner DePiano.

- **Personnel**

Chief stated that Tom Petrosino has submitted a letter of resignation due to relocating after 18 yrs of service. He also indicated that we will be looking to fill the mechanic position in the spring of 2019.

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the resignation of Tom Petrosino, seconded by Lynn Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

- **2019 Budget**

Budget committee met on September 17, with Commissioners Kelly, DePiano, Williams, Cummings, Chief Wagner and Kathy Matisak in attendance. Two budget drafts were presented in the meeting. Draft #2 included an additional officer, with a total increase of 1.41%; to be presented to the municipalities. Francis DePiano congratulated the budget committee for their hard work presenting the budget.

- **Pension**

Next meeting 11/27/18

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

Sept 11 – PMRPD Honor Guard attended Patriot Day Memorial Service at Tannersville War Memorial Park

Sept 11 – Chief Wagner, Lt. Williams and Lt. Vogt attended 911 Ceremony and breakfast at A Pocono Country Place

Sept 13 – Officer Lutkowski and K9 Hilo attended Northampton Community College for a Service and Rescue Dog Program

Sept 15 – Officer Scarfo attended Coolbaugh Township Touch a Truck event

Sept 18 – Chief Wagner and Lt. Vogt attended the Allentown Police Academy Training Graduation where our new recruits took 1st place 300 meter, 1st place in 1.5 mile run, 1st in handgun and 2nd in academics

Sept 22 – Officer Metzger attended the annual Recovery on the Mountain event at the Coolbaugh Mountain Center

Sept 22 – Officer Benner attended Tobyhanna Township Community Day

Sept 29 – Officer Metzger attended the Barrett Township Rotary Concert in the Park

Sept 29 – SWAT Safety Day at Wal-Mart

Chief Wagner presented a letter from Northampton Community College, thanking Officer Lutkowski for attending the service and rescue dog program.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mike Oser–Mt Pocono asked Chief Wagner if he takes patrol hours. Chief explained that his position is Administrative and he does not log hrs.

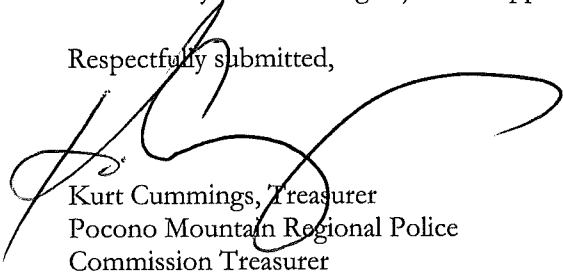
Public Comment- Sgt. Posluszny was commended for his attendance and comments at the candle light vigil for Woman's Resources.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Cummings', is written over the typed name and title.

Kurt Cummings, Treasurer  
Pocono Mountain Regional Police  
Commission Treasurer