

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
11 DECEMBER 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
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-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

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.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 13 November 2018, seconded by Dave Carbone.

Mike Oser mentioned there was an omission of his question "If a sitting commissioner member was exempt from any type of investigation." Chief Wagner stated the minutes are not a transcript and the question would be referenced in the next monthly minutes.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 11 December 2018 in the amount of \$543,494.55, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of November were 1083 consisting of 973 Complaints and 110 Accidents. There were a total of 80 Criminal Arrests, 223 Traffic Arrests, 177 Traffic Warnings and 19 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 November Police Report, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for November Vehicle Report.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the November Vehicle Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS**

Cpl. Bray and Cpl. Miller received Commendations for the Chun Deng Homicide Case.

- **SWAT PRESENTATION**

Sgt. LaRue and Detective Sciarillo received plaques representing their time served on the SWAT Team.

- **Resolution 2018-004 Transfer of Unencumbered Monies**

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the Resolution 2018-004 - Transfer of Unencumbered Monies, seconded by Dave Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Set 2019 Reorganization Meeting**

Chief commented that the only issue may be getting the meeting packets out to any new representatives since the Reorganization Meetings for the municipalities is on January 7 the day before ours.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the schedule the 2019 Meetings as follows:

Reorganization / Regular - 8 January, Regular Meetings 12 February, 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December.

The motion was seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – None

Tunkhannock Township – None

Coolbaugh – None

Mount Pocono – None

Barrett Township – None

All Municipal members wished Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

- **2018/2019 Hiring** – 5 conditional job offers have been given: Austin Price, Robert Ellis, Zackary Swingle, Joseph Apgar and Daniel Murgia. Price already has ACT 120; therefore he will be starting in house training January 7, 2019. All others will be starting the Allentown Police Academy on January 7, 2019.
- **Personnel** – Chief Wagner stated the department has advertized to fill the part-time mechanic position with applications being accepted until December 12, 2018. The Chief thanked Coolbaugh Township for their mechanic who has been working on some of our vehicles. Alma Ruiz inquired if the position was full time and the pay. Chief stated it is a part time position at \$23.64 per hr. at 12 hrs per week.
- **2019 Budget** – Chief stated he had resolutions from Coolbaugh and Tobyhanna Townships.

Chief stated there was a difference of approximately \$30,000.00 for the budgeted amount in the insurance line item verses the actual renewal costs. In light of that savings the Chief Wagner asked to put \$4,200 of that amount into public relations to expand our social media presence. We have an offer from Hofbauer Strategies that the department can split with the foundation. The cost to the department would be \$4,200. Chief stated it would not affect the municipalities at all, the left over balance will go into the carry over.

Motion:

Dave Carbone made a motion to accept \$4,200.00 into public relations. The motion was seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Francis DePiano commented that the foundation has been using Hofbauer, who has done an outstanding job for the PMRPF.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to pass the 2019 Budget contingent on the remaining municipalities adopting the budget. The motion was seconded by Brendon Carroll.

- **Pension** – Chief Wagner stated the total fund as of July 1, 2018 was \$21,459,265.00. The net flows were \$247,124.00 (including the state aid payment) return on investment was \$633,965.00 making the market value as of September 30, 2018 \$22,340,355.00
- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

November 11th - Honor Guard attended the Veteran's Day assembly at Pocono Mountain West High School

Chief Wagner, Lt Williams attended the STD Tire Distributing ribbon cutting ceremony

November 8th- Officer Smelas spoke at the Mountain Center Head Start Program – Stranger Danger, Bike Safety, 911 and seatbelts.

Kurt Cummings thanked Corp. Bray and officers that helped with the burglaries in APCP

Juan Adams wished all a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

IML – questioned if there are guidelines for Security Officers in developments. Chief Wagner indicated that Community By-Laws are a guide to Security. Chief Wagner stated the only thing that affects the police enforcement capacity in a private development is traffic. Chief stated a criminal offense would be handled by the police.

Mr. Oser had a complaint about how his request was handled for police presence at Mt Pocono Boro Meeting. Chief Wagner addressed Mr. Oser and stated that police are present for the safety of everyone in attendance.

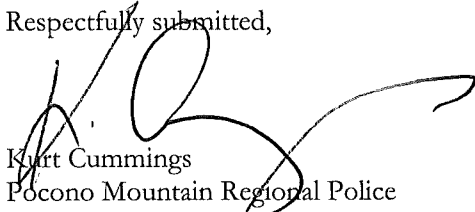
Mr. Oser submitted 3 Right-to-Know requests to the commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Cummings
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Treasurer