

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

PRESENT:

DAVID W MOYER	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-CHAIRMAN
FRANCIS DePIANO	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-VICE CHAIRMAN
KURT CUMMINGS	-COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP	-TREASURER
BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-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:

FREDERICK COURTRIGHT	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-SECRETARY
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
JUAN ADAMS	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-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 followed by a moment of silence for the victims of 9-11.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 14 August 2018, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 11 September 2018 in the amount of \$163,060.94, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of August were 1274 consisting of 1165 Complaints and 109 Accidents. There were a total of 95 Criminal Arrests, 309 Traffic Arrests, 171 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 August Police Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Kurt Cummings questioned increase in traffic arrests from 31 to 50 in Tunkhannock Township. Chief Wagner explained most times it can be due to special details in the area.

Mike Oser questioned the stated increase of investigation time in Mt Pocono. Chief Wagner indicated he would look into it.

With no additional questions or comments the motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for August.

Alma Ruiz Smith questioned accumulated cost on car #47. Chief Wagner explained it was the old K9 vehicle and now used as a spare.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the August Vehicle Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Computer Infrastructure** – Chris Callahan from SSI gave an introduction to their company along with a proposal for PMRPD outlining Managed IT and Cloud Hosting Services.

Chief Wagner explained that we are looking at moving towards SSI with some of our services and moving fully integrated into the Cloud by 2019.

- **Personnel** – Resignation letter from Matthew Steidel effective August 29, 2018. Chief Wagner stated Matt has taken a position at the City of Bethlehem Police Department.

- **Motion:**

Lynn Kelly made a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Steidel, seconded by Alma Ruiz-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

- **2019 MMO** – Police Pension \$668,307.81
Non Uniform \$9,041.80

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – None

Tunkhannock Township – None

Coolbaugh – Lynn Kelly read a prepared statement regarding the resignation letter of Officer Maurice Vaccaro relating to the way the resignation was handled last month.

Motion:

Lynn Kelly made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Maurice Vaccaro with regrets, and that his official end date of service will be January 4th, 2019 with all time off available to him being used and paid. Ms. Kelly thanked Officer Vaccaro for his service. The motion was seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

Alma Ruiz-Smith asked that area of Pope Road be monitored for speed.

Mount Pocono – None

Barrett Township – None

- **2018/2019 Hiring** – 61 candidates are taking PT Sunday Sept. 16th at 8:00 a.m. First round of interviews will be held October 1-October 4th, with internal staff only. Second round of interviews will be held October 16th at 8:00 a.m. with Francis DePiano volunteering to attend from the commission.
- **2019 Budget** – Chief Wagner stated there was an internal staff meeting yesterday regarding the budget. Chief Wagner has scheduled the 1st Budget Committee for Monday Sept 17th. Chief stated that the Budget Committee as is makes a quorum. Discussion as to advertising a budget meeting. It was decided that John Seese and Dave Moyer will sit out of the budget meeting.
- **Pension** – Chief Wagner stated there was a pension meeting August 21, 2018. The beginning market value as was \$21,306,802.00 with net flows (\$123,101.00) and return on investment of \$275,564.00. The ending market value as of June 30, 2018 was \$21,459,265.00.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the Pension Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

Aug 4 – Ofc. Wile attended Indian Mountain Lakes Community Day.

Aug 7 – Chief Wagner, Det. Sgt. Lenning, Sgt. LaRue, Corp. Nero, Ofc. Lutkowski, and Ofc. Chaffee attended National Night Out in PCP, Coolbaugh Township

Aug 7 – Corp. Bray provided Gatorade and popsicles to the Pocono Mountain West Football Team, from the PMRPD Officers Association.

Aug 9 – Chief Wagner was a panelist for State Representative Jack Slater’s legislative hearing on power outages.

Aug 16 – Sgt. Posluszny conducted a law enforcement presentation at Camp Minsi Boy Scouts

Aug 17 – Sgt. LaRue and Corp. Nero and K9 Creed, did a K9 presentation at Lake Naomi Kids Camp

Aug 23 – Corp. Nero and K9 Creed did a K9 demonstration at Buck Hill

Aug 27 – PMRPF had their Annual Fundraiser

Chief Wagner mentioned on September 29th there will be a community safety day presented by Pocono Mountain Regional Police SWAT Team at Wal-Mart in Mt. Pocono Boro. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Kurt Cummings thanked Chief Wagner for participation in National Night Out.

Francis DePiano thanked Jeanine Hofbauer for her participation in the PMRPF Tournament

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

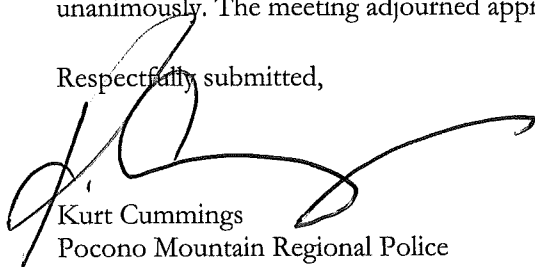
N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Cummings
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Treasurer