

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
13 NOVEMBER 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
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:

JUAN ADAMS	-TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
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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 7:00 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 9 October 2018, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed with Claudette Williams abstaining.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Dave Carbone made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 9 October 2018 in the amount of \$230,817.90, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Alma Ruiz-Smith questioned check # 16149 \$37,932.58 Monroe County Control Center. Chief Wagner explained that is Coolbaugh's Control Center Fees that is payable to Monroe County Control Center.

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

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of October were 1168 consisting of 1073 Complaints and 95 Accidents. There were a total of 94 Criminal Arrests, 170 Traffic Arrests, 134 Traffic Warnings and 7 Ordinance Arrests.

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

Kurt Cummings asked, if most of the thefts were retail related. Chief Wagner stated that Mt. Pocono is usually the leader in thefts which is usually related to the businesses.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the October Police Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

Mike Oser asked if there was any explanation for the drop in total calls and arrests from 2017 and 2018 in Mt Pocono. Chief indicated that there is no specific explanation on why the numbers move the way they do.

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

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for October.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the October Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **3RD Quarter Budget Review** – Chief went over the 3rd Quarter Budget vs Actual report.
- **3RD Quarter Treasurer Report** – General Fund \$3,080,760.75, Prescription Fund \$19,501.86, Capital Projects Fund, \$14,969.71, Asset Forfeiture Fund \$316,646.38, Capital Reserve Fund \$132,637.60, Police Pension Fund \$22,327,794.34 and Non Uniform Pension Fund \$181,000.83.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 3rd Quarter Treasurer Report, seconded by David Carbone.

Alma Ruiz Smith asked about the Capital Projects Account asking if there are any upcoming projects for next year. Chief Wagner mentioned the seal coating on the parking lot and upgrade on fire alarm system.

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

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – Brendon Carroll stated that Tobyhanna Township passed the Resolution to approve the 2019 Police budget.

Tunkhannock Township – Francis DePiano mentioned road closure Rte 115-Kuenbaker Road

Coolbaugh – Lynn Kelly stated that Coolbaugh Township passed the Resolution to approve the 2019 Police budget. Ms. Kelly also asked for enforcement on Rt. 611 trucks parking on side of the road.

Mount Pocono – N/A

Barrett Township – Budget Meeting is scheduled 11/14

- **2018/2019 Hiring** – Final round of interviews was October 16th. The Chief thanked Francis DePiano for his participation. The 2018/2019 Top Ten list has been established and ranked. We are looking to fill 5 positions with the potential of a 6th position, (depending on the budget). Chief Wagner asked for a motion to fill the 5 spots.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to fill the 5 position from the 2018/2019 Hiring List, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Alma Ruiz-Smith asked if the 5 spots were covered in the budget. Chief state they were.

Kurt Cummings asked if was possible to keep a rolling list after the top 5 are chosen. Chief stated it was better to refresh the list on an annual basis or as we move through the top 10.

With no additional questions or comments the motion passed unanimously.

- **Personnel**– Chief Wagner read a resignation letter from Ryan King as he will be taking a position with the South Whitehall Police Department. He will be resigning his position as of November 25, 2018.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to except the resignation of Ryan King, the motion seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Kelly thanked Officer King for his service.

Chief Wagner discussed the letter of resignation from Officer Lawrence Raisner who has been serving the Barrett area and the PMRPD combined for 18 years. Chief Wagner stated Officer Raisner had a great work ethic and was not ready to leave the profession, as well as the department was not ready to give him up; however due to personal reasons he submitted his letter effective November 1, 2018.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to except the resignation of Lawrence Raisner, the motion seconded by David Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Kelly thanked Officer Raisner for his many years of service.

- **2019 Budget** – Chief Wagner stated two resolutions have been received one from Coolbaugh Township and one from Tobyhanna Township approving the 2019 Pocono Mountain Regional Police budget. It is his understanding Tunkhannock will be passed in December. Barrett will be passing forth coming and Mt. Pocono is in discussion.
- **Pension** – Next meeting is scheduled 11/27/18
- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

Oct. 2nd – Chief Wagner attended Pocono Leadership Prayer breakfast in Tannersville

Oct. 3rd – Cpl. Bray and Ofc. Vaccaro attended the Weis ribbon cutting ceremony. Chief Wagner thanked Weis for their \$500.00 donation to the department.

Oct. 14th – Cpl. Miller and Ofc. Dunlap assisted with the Barrett Scarecrow 5K

Oct. 14th – Cpl. Miller and Ofc. Dunlap attended the Barrett Township Fire Department open house

Oct. 18th & 19th – Ofc. Smelas spoke at the Mt. Pocono Methodist Church Day Care about safety and calling 911

Oct. 20th – Ofc. Apgar attended the Northampton College Wellness Festival

Oct. 21st – Chief Wagner, Lt. Vogt, Ofc. Dunlap, Ofc. Michaels, and Ofc. Metzger participated in the Barrett Township Halloween Parade

Oct. 28th – Cpl. Nero and K9 Creed attended the TEC Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31st – patrol officers from the 3-11 shift handed out bags of candy throughout the four townships and Boro

Chief stated we received a letter from Pocono Farms East Association thanking us for sending Sgt. Posluszny and Ofc. Metzger to their annual meetings

Chief also included in the packet the face page of the Journal – where the PMRPD Honor Guard attended the SCJAP meeting at Pocono Manor. The Honor Guard was also featured in the SCJAP magazine

Chief Wagner stated that PMRPD is participating in No Shave November – The PMRPOA raised \$30.00 per each officer that participated. The funds were donated to Schyler Herman funeral expenses.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mike Oser - Mt. Pocono – asked about the status of a criminal trespass complaint filed on November 11. The Chief stated that the report was filed and referred to the District Attorney's Office due to a conflict of interest. Chief Wagner stated Mr. Oser can follow up with the District Attorney's Office.

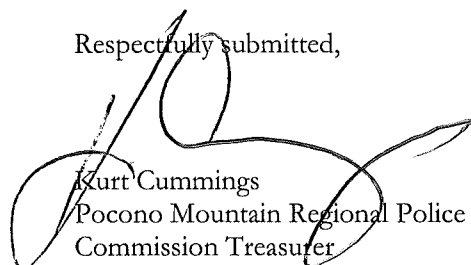
Aida Montanez-Mt Pocono spoke of the different agencies available at the Mountain Center stressing that she is concerned with the volume of traffic and speed on route 611 asking for police presence during the peak hours of 12:00-2:00 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Cummings
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Treasurer