

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
08 JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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 welcomed Tony Lamantia from Coolbaugh Township as a new member.

REORGANIZATION:

Nominations for Chairman:

The Chief opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission for 2019.

Francis DePiano made a motion to nominate David Moyer for Chairman, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint David Moyer as Chairman passed unanimously.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman David Moyer.

Nominations for Vice-Chairman:

Dave Moyer made a motion to nominate Francis DePiano for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint Francis DePiano as Vice-Chairman passed unanimously.

Nominations for Treasurer:

David Moyer made a motion to nominate Kurt Cummings for Treasurer, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint Kurt Cummings as Treasurer passed unanimously.

Nominations for Secretary:

David Moyer made a motion to nominate Claudette Williams for Secretary, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint Claudette Williams as Secretary passed unanimously.

Appoint Solicitor:

David Moyer made a motion to appoint Harry Coleman as Solicitor, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed with Lynn Kelly opposing.

The motion to appoint Harry Coleman as Solicitor passed.

Appoint for Labor Counsel:

David Moyer made a motion to appoint Campbell, Durrant & Beatty as Labor Counsel, seconded by Francis DePiano. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint Campbell, Durrant & Beatty as Labor Counsel passed unanimously.

Appoint Non-Uniform Pension Trustees:

David Moyer made a motion to appoint the Executive Board and Chief Wagner as Non-Uniform Pension Plan Trustees, seconded by Francis DePiano. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint the Executive Board and Chief Wagner as Non-Uniform Pension Plan Trustees passed unanimously.

Close Reorganization Meeting

Francis DePiano made a motion to close the Reorganization meeting, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 7:06

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Minutes of 11 December 2018 Regular Business Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 8 January 2019 in the amount of \$523,716.92. The motion was seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

DECEMBER POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of December were 1101 total calls consisting of 975 Complaints and 126 Accidents. There were a total of 86 Criminal Arrests, 179 Traffic Arrests, 132 Traffic Warnings and 11 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 Kurt Cummings.

Juan Adams asked if any arrests were made in Tunkhannock Township for the vehicle break-ins. Chief Wagner stated he believed there was an arrest on one or two, he would have to check on the amount.

With no further comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for the month of December.

Chief reminded that we applied for the LSA Grant to supply the entire fleet with video cameras. The grant is approximately of \$120,000 which includes installation. The grant should be announced in the spring. The ordering of any vehicles would be middle to late spring.

Brendan Carroll asked if we budgeted for 3 vehicles this year, Chief Wagner stated we budgeted for 4 vehicles.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the December Vehicle Report, seconded by Brendan Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Drop Pension Application** – Officer Jeffrey Lutz had submitted his application for the drop program. His 25th year will be completed this February. His drop date would be February 28th 2019, setting his resignation at February 28th 2022.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept Officer Lutz into the Drop Pension Program, motion was seconded by Brendan Carroll.

Lynn Kelly asked if Officer Lutz was the third applicant and if any others were eligible for the program this year. Chief Wagner stated the Officer Lutz was the third applicant to enter the program and no others are eligible in 2019.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns** –
Tobyhanna Township – None
Tunkhannock Township – None
Mt Pocono – Approved Budget

Coolbaugh – None

Barrett – Thanked the Board and officers that have attended their meetings.

- **2019 HIRING**

Chief Wagner stated Austin Price started his two weeks of in house training and will be followed by the field training officer program. The other four new hires have started the Allentown Police Academy and will be graduating in July. Chief mentioned a conditional offer will be extended to Ivan Aries who will fill the new budgeted position. Aries will be starting the Police Academy in July.

- **Personnel**

Chief Wagner should have a presentation for the Mechanic position at the next commission meeting after the interviews.

- **2019 Budget**

Mt. Pocono was the final municipality to approve their budget. Chief stated PMRPD budget has been implemented and an updated budget is in the commission packet, reflecting the actual insurance and public relations line items.

- **Community Events/Letters of Support**

December 10- Lt. Vogt, Sgt. LaRue, Officer Lutz and Officer Edmonds participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center to SR 611-Coolbaugh Township

Chief Wagner read a thank you letter to Officer Sheranko-for his help during a traffic accident.

Jeanine Hofbauer- spoke of the upcoming Drive for the PMRPD K9- Pocono Raceway is offering a special fundraising ticket program where 15% of each ticket sold will benefit PMRPD's Foundation and their support of the K9 unit. Each municipality will be contacted so that a link from their websites can go directly to the page that has been created by the raceway.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned approximately 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette Williams
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary