

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
12 MARCH 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
MIKE PENN	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-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:

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.

ROLL CALL: Claudette Williams (7:15)

APPROVE MINUTES:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 12 February 2019, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 12 March 2019 in the amount of \$244,309.67, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of February were 1004 consisting of 908 Complaints and 96 Accidents. There were a total of 81 Criminal Arrests, 224 Traffic Arrests, 228 Traffic Warnings and 14 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 February Police Report, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for February.

Motion:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SWAT Recognition** – Det. John Bohrman, and Corp. Steve Mertz were recognized for their many years of service to the Swat team. Bohrman with 15 years and Mertz with 20 years of service.

- **Policy Revision** –

1) **6-3 Weapons Qualifications**

Chief Wagner explained the change to policy 6-3 Weapons Qualifications, memorializing that the qualification rate for the primary service weapon is 80% passing rate for qualification. The second issue is to allow for personally owned patrol rifles that fit within the criteria of the department.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the revision for policy 6-3 Weapons Qualifications, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed with Lynn Kelly abstaining.

2) **10-4 Juvenile Custody Policy/Procedures**

Chief Wagner explained the change to policy 10-4 Juvenile Custody Policy/Procedures, out of state runaways can be held securely according to the Interstate Compact.

Motion:

Claudette Williams made a motion to adopt the revision for 10-4 Juvenile Custody Policy/Procedures, seconded by Francis DePiano. The motion passed unanimously.

- **25th Year Anniversary** –

Chief Wagner spoke of the upcoming 25th Anniversary of Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department and would like to have some input from the Commission /public regarding promotion of the anniversary. Claudette Williams, Lynn Kelly and Mike Penn volunteered to set up meetings and help plan a date for an event.

Jeanine Hofbauer discussed student involved contests preparing for the event. (essays/logos)

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – None

Tunkhannock Township – Francis DePiano mentioned the continued communication between PD and Raceway for races/Air show events

Coolbaugh – None

Mount Pocono – Claudette Williams will be reaching out to the Chief regarding 611/Pine Hill Rd. Accident Survey

Barrett Township – John Seese thanked the department for attending their monthly meeting.

- **2020-2022 Collective Bargaining**

Chief is waiting on an initial letter from the union representatives to start negotiations.

- **Pension**

There was a pension meeting on February 19, 2019 for the 4th Quarter of 2018. Market value ended at \$20,713,364. Over the 4th quarter it lost 7.88 points under performing the plans target index.

Over the past year the plan lost 4.33 points, with the target index of negative 4.83.

4th Quarter started at \$22,351,284.00 – net flows in \$122,014 with a loss of investments of \$1,759,934 ending the fund at \$20,713,364.

PFM packets were handed to the Commission for their review.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

February 18- Sgt. Posluszny spoke at the Mountain Center doing a presentation on active shooter

February 26- Corp. Bray took part in the COG meeting on the Opioid Crisis

February 28- Corp. Nero and K9 Creed did a K9 demonstration at the Swiftwater Elementary School

Chief included a letter from the Highway Safety Network- an audit on our funds for the Buckle Up Pa/Seatbelt enforcement Program grant year October 22 – November 23, 2018 was conducted. Grant audits were verified and our involvement in their educational program was appreciated.

Chief also included a Certificate of Appreciation from the Pa Aggressive Driving Enforcement Education Program awarded to PMRPD for participation in the 2018 Aggressive Driving Program.

Chief included a Certificate of Appreciation to Officer Jeff Lutz in recognition of his valuable contribution 2018 Pa Aggressive Driving Enforcement Education Program

- Mike Penn asked if PMRPD participates in Crisis Intervention Training. Chief Wagner explained that there is CIT training every three years and each officer recently completed 8 hours of training.

Chief explained that the department will be engaging with Crisis Intervention to pilot a program when encountering a person who needs mental health assistance and wants to speak with a crisis intervention worker we can connect them with a visual link up.

- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CW', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Claudette Williams
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary