

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
09 JULY 2019**

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
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 (7:11)

ABSENT:

BRENDON CARROLL	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
DAVID CARBONE	-TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS	-BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO	-SECRETARY

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 7:05 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 11 June 2019, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 9 July 2019 in the amount of \$140,771.58, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Policy Amendment 5-3 Recruit Level Training

Chief stated there were a couple minor changes in Sub-Section 5-A-1 which deals with different criteria that the Field Training Officers will be evaluating during the FTO period.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve Policy Amendment 5-3 Recruit Level Training, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

Lynn Kelly questioned Chief Wagner why viewing the policies two days prior to meeting was not extended to the Commission? Chief Wagner explained that an hour was adequate time to review the amount of changes pertaining to these policies. He expressed it was easier to get everyone in at the same time should there be questions to be addressed. Several additional questions were asked by Lynn Kelly regarding the policy with Chief Wagner answering each one.

Lynn Kelly asked Chairman Moyer for more time to pass the policy amendments. Chairman Moyer responded stating he felt the Chief made it clear to accommodate everyone, Chairman Moyer stated we put our trust in the Chief for certain decisions; expressing there is a fine line of what information should be put out.

Chairman Moyer called for a Roll Call Vote: Juan Adams, Yea / Francis DePiano, Yes / Kurt Cummings, / Yes / Mike Penn, Yes/ Tony Lamantia, Yes/ John Seese, Yes/ Lynn Kelly, No. The motion passed.

- Policy Amendment 9-6 Prisoner Restraining Devices

When giving the outline of this policy Chief explained the importance of these policies not handed out ahead of time due to the safety risks. Again, the Chief stated accommodations can be made in the future to view the amendments. Chief asked for a motion to amend policy 9-6 Prisoner Restraining Devices.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve Policy Amendment 9-6 Prisoner Restraining Devices, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

Lynn Kelly asked to verify the effective dates and the re-evaluation dates. Chief Wagner stated the effective date of April 14, 2009, re-evaluated March 9, 2017, July 5, 2019 it was reviewed and submitted for revision.

With no further questions the motion passed unanimously.

Kurt Cummings - left meeting (7:15)

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of June were 1249 consisting of 1145 Complaints and 104 Accidents. There were a total of 103 Criminal Arrests, 200 Traffic Arrests, 239 Traffic Warnings and 12 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 June Police Report, seconded by Juan Adams.

Mike Oser questioned Mt Pocono over 420 hours, yet enforcement hours are down; asking if you are decreasing the amount of coverage in Mt Pocono to offset the overage in hours. Chief explained that is partially correct. Traffic citations come out of state money (aggressive driving). To control hours, we can pull patrol time which is the only thing that can be controlled managerially to bring hours down.

The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for June.

New vehicles for 2019 have been ordered, expected August/September. In-car video system is currently in process.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the June Vehicle Report, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

- **2018 Audit**

Carl Hogan from BBD presented a synopsis of the 2018 Audit

Lynn Kelly asked questions regarding specific pages of the audit and Mr. Hogan responded accordingly.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the 2018 Audit Report as presented, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – N/A

Tunkhannock Township – N/A

Coolbaugh – Thanked the Chief and the Police Department for response to the June 18th meeting at Coolbaugh Township to defuse a potential threat. The Savvy Citizens App was discussed.

Mount Pocono – Mike Penn thanked Chief Wagner for attending a Work Session for safety issues regarding Rt 611

Barrett Township – N/A

- **25th Year Anniversary**

Event was on June 29, 2019 – PMRPD received two Articles of Recognition - one from State Representatives Jack Rader and Mario Scavello, and congratulations from the Pennsylvania Senate presented by Senator Scavello

- **2020-2022 Collective Bargaining** – Chairman Moyer stated there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning July 10, 2019.
- **2020 Hiring Process** – July 5th ended the application process with 127 applicants. We are looking to fill two positions from this list, possibly three pending a retirement in January. Written test will be July 13, 2019
- **2020 Promotional Process** – Test set for September 7th, 2019
- **Parking lot Seal Coating** – Chief stated he received 3 telephonic quotations; Pocono Spray Patching, \$6,630.00 – CSI Asphalt Maintenance, \$11,050.00 – Barker & Barker, 15,000.00. Chief was concerned in the disparity in bids. Harry Coleman explained that the bid would go to the lowest responsible bidder. Therefore, it was decided to table until next month after more research verifying the quotes and square footage.
- **Speed Studies** – speed studies were conducted in Coolbaugh Township on Rt 196 (Dana's), June 15th -June 21st. Barrett Township Rt 191 (Mountainhome Deli), June 22nd – June 28th. Coolbaugh Township on Echo Lake Rd. by Lake Rd., June 29th – July 5th.

- **Resolution** – 2019-001 Authorizing Authority to Extra-Jurisdictional Authority to Agencies Upon Request of Chief of Police. Chief stated that PA Legislature introduced House Bill 1614 on June 11 and passed through the House and Senate and signed by the Governor July 2. Which makes the original Resolution moot.

Motion:

Mike Penn made a motion to mark resolution 2019-001, moot the motion was seconded by Lynn Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Pension** – PFM will attend next month Commission Meeting to deliver the Annual Report.

- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

June 8th – Officer Chaffee, Pocono Farms Community Center discussed crime prevention

June 23rd – Officers assisted the Wyoming Valley Motorcycle Club through Blakeslee

June 26th – Lt. Vogt and Sgt. LaRue spoke at the Salisbury House Behavioral Health Center

June 29th – PMRPD 25th Anniversary Celebration

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

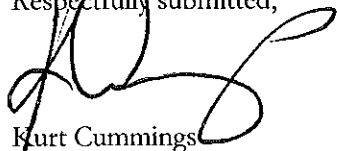
Mike Oser – Mt Pocono, asked the Chief if a recent incident in Barrett Township would be turned over to the DA's Office and not be investigated by PMRPD. Chief Wagner stated generally we would not do that in this instance since it is an on-view arrest.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kurt Cummings
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Treasurer