

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
8 OCTOBER 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 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.

There was an Executive Session from 6:35 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. prior to the Regular Business Meeting regarding Personnel.

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to adopt the minutes of 10 September 2019, seconded by Kurt Cummings.

Mike Oser commented if the minutes were not in the packet how can the public make comment. Discussion took place. Chairman Moyer stated this was discussed at last month's meeting and any questions can be brought up at next monthly meeting. Additional discussion took place. Lynn Kelly referred to Right to Know Law stating it was public record. Brendon Carroll made comment it is not public record until it is passed. Harry Coleman agreed stating draft minutes are the same as notes, and not public until approved.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 8 October 2019 in the amount of \$566,844.20, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

## **POLICE REPORT:**

Total calls for the month of September were 1149 consisting of 1060 Complaints and 89 Accidents. There was a total of 114 Criminal Arrests, 99 Traffic Arrests, 123 Traffic Warnings and 17 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 September Police Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VEHICLE REPORT:**

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for September. Chief Wagner mentioned the new cars for 2019 are at the up-fitter. We will be looking at replacing cars 2, 15, 17 and 18 and eventually will be looking for bids. Car #5 was in an accident on Sept 11, 2019, it is not totaled it will be repaired, officer was not injured and back to work.

### **Motion:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **P25 Radios**

Chief Wagner stated a check was received from Lexis Nexis in the amount of \$8,108.64 which reflects unexpected income from one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party companies that provide copies of accident reports to requestors. This money represents funds (from a settlement suit from the Attorney General of Massachusetts) stating Lexis Nexis was not properly reimbursing agencies for their share of funds collected.

With the upgrade of Monroe County Control Centers radio infrastructure moving to P25 Radio System. Chief Wagner asked for a motion to apply this unexpected income to add the new P25 Radios to the upfitting of the 4 new vehicles in the amount of \$4,459.80; leaving the remaining \$3648.84 for the General Fund.

### **Motion:**

David Carbone made a motion to apply the unexpected income to supply the 4 new vehicles with P25 Radios, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

## **UPDATE:**

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – N/A

Tunkhannock Township – N/A

Coolbaugh – N/A

Mount Pocono – N/A

Barrett Township – N/A

- **LSA Grant** – With the new process in applying for the LSA Grant, which requires resolution approved from your governing body; it has been decided to table the LSA Grant since we would not meet the deadline by the end of September.
- **2020-2022 Collective Bargaining** – There is a tentative agreement in place between the Commission and the Officers Association. A draft has been submitted to the officers for review and has been reviewed by the commission's labor attorney. We are currently waiting to hear back from the officers.
- **2020 Hiring Process** – Final interviews with top ten candidates were September 17<sup>th</sup>. The candidates have been ranked and notified. We currently have one vacancy which is a carry over from this year and one retirement on Feb 3, 2020 (Det Sgt Kenny Lenning). Chief asked for a motion to utilize the list to fill vacancies from the 2019 – 2020 hiring list.

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to fill vacancies from the 2019-2020 hiring list, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Francis DePiano commented on the fine quality of applicants.

With no further questions or comments the motion passed unanimously.

- **2020 Promotional Process** – 10 Candidates passed the promotional exam. The interviews will be conducted Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The Chief asked for a commission member to attend the interviews – Lynn Kelly volunteered to attend.
- **2020 Budget** – We are at a tentative agreement with the budget committee to submit the proposed budget to the municipalities for their review and approval. A budget committee meeting was held prior to this meeting.

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to submit budget draft "1C" to the municipalities for review and approval seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Mike Oser asked if budget committee meetings were open to the public. Francis DePiano stated they were not because it is less than a quorum.

With no further comments, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Parking Lot Seal Coating** – Project is complete.
- **Speed Studies** – Tobyhanna Township – State Route 115 by Interstate 80 So., Sept 9<sup>th</sup> to Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, Coolbaugh Township – 196 Carriage Square, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Community Events / Letters of Support** –
  - Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Chief Wagner, Lt. Vogt, Lt. Williams, Sgt. Posluszny, Ofcs. Dunlap, Chaffee and Lutz attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Nelson Foundation Event
  - Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Sgt. Posluszny and Ofc. Dunlap instructed the Pocono International Raceway Staff on Active Shooter threats
  - Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – Cpl. Miller and Cpl. Nero/k9 Creed and Ofc. Ellis attended Ray Price Drive 4UR Community Event
  - Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Cpl. Miller spoke at the Pocono Lake United Methodist Church about Police and their work in

the community.

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Ofc. Metzger attended the Coolbaugh Touch A Truck Event with Harley Davidson

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Ofc. Edmonds and Tracy Fox attended Mt Pocono Harvest Fest

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Ofc. Soto attended Tobyhanna Township Fall Festival

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Ofcs. Papi and Swingle attended the Mountainhome United Methodist Church service to honor volunteers in the community

Letter from City of New Rochelle Police Department- Letter of thanks from Police Commissioner Joseph F. Schaller

Chief also attended the 9/11 service at Pocono Country Place on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mike Oser asked several questions regarding the draft budget which the chief responded to.

It was asked if the speed trailer in Mt Pocono was effective. Mike Penn stated it was.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:**

Francis DePiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette Williams  
Pocono Mountain Regional Police  
Commission Secretary