

**POCONO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
12 NOVEMBER 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
JOHN SEESE	-BARRETT TOWNSHIP	-MEMBER
CHRIS WAGNER		-CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY COLEMAN		-SOLICITOR

ABSENT:

TONY LAMANTIA	-COOLBAUGH 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 7:15 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 8 October 2019, seconded by David Carbone.

Mike Oser requested Chairman Moyer read the section of the October draft minutes regarding questions from the public. Chairman Moyer read the requested section. It was also explained that minutes are approved at the commission meeting and the approved minutes will be put in the next meetings public packet to accept public comment.

With no additional comments or questions the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BILLS:

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the Bill-pack of 12 November 2019 in the amount of \$324,335.60, seconded by Juan Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total calls for the month of October were 1140 consisting of 1028 Complaints and 112 Accidents. There were a total of 91 Criminal Arrests, 286 Traffic Arrests, 336 Traffic Warnings and 31 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 October Police Report, seconded by Kurt Cummings. The motion passed unanimously.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Chief reviewed the mileage and expense report for October.

Chief stated there were two deer strikes neither were totaled, they are waiting for repair. The new vehicles are at the up fitters waiting on the in-car cameras. Chief stated we are looking at replacing cars 9, 15, 17 and 18. Chief asked for a motion to advertise for the sale of cars 9, 15, 17 and 18.

Motion:

David Carbone made a motion to advertise the sale of cars 9, 15, 17 and 18, seconded by Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Building Capital Project** – Security Projects involving the building were addressed with the commission prior to meeting.

Motion

Lynn Kelly made a motion to move forward on investigating improvements on security for the building, seconded by David Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

- **3rd Quarter Treasurers Report** – General Fund \$3,867,496.67 – Prescription Fund \$19,595.86 – Capital Projects Fund \$15,111.19 – Asset Forfeiture Fund \$416,135.76 – Capital Reserve Fund \$221,705.47– Police Pension Fund \$23,457,689.31– Non-Uniform Pension Fund \$202,585.25.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve the 3rd Quarter Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Juan Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

- **3rd Quarter Budget Review** – Chief went over the 3rd Quarter Budget vs Actual report. Budget is at 68.9%

Motion:

Juan Adams made a motion to approve the 3rd Quarter Budget Report as presented, seconded by Brendon Carroll.

Lynn Kelly asked if 354.110 ACT 120 Wage Reimbursement was a grant. It was explained that it is reimbursement of tuition and a percentage of wages for the 4 officers sent through the academy in January.

With no further questions, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Personnel**– Chief Wagner read a letter of resignation from Corp. Steven P. Mertz dated 10/21/19.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to accept the resignation of Corp. Steven Mertz, seconded by David Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Detective Position** – Chief explained with the movements taking place with promotions and retirements; now might be a good time to fill the position of Det Sciarillo who was assigned as a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Officer several years ago. Additional cost would be \$1,917.00 of increased salary from top level patrol to the spot of Criminal Investigations. Chief asked for a motion to add an additional Detective position.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve add an additional Detective position to the Crime Room, seconded by David Carbone. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE:

- **Member Municipality Concerns**

Tobyhanna Township – David Carbone thanked the chief for Officer Apgar attending the Pocono Lyons Club Dedication

Tunkhannock Township – Francis DePiano praise to the officers on handling the recent Homicide

Mount Pocono – Claudette Williams mentioned a letter she forwarded to the Chief regarding one of the Officers that represents our community.

Coolbaugh – Lynn Kelly asked when the commission changed from giving the public the draft minutes from the prior meeting. Chief stated he would have to research that. He stated that there were some debates about whether draft minutes are public or whether they must be approved first.

Lynn Kelly suggested making a motion moving forward to change the practice to provide the draft minutes of the previous month's meeting to the public in the packet of the information.

Motion:

Lynn Kelly made a motion to provide the draft minutes of the previous month's meeting in the public packet, seconded by Mike Penn

Brief discussion took place. Chairman Moyer requested the Chief look into the reason why it was changed for next meeting.

Motion:

Juan Adams made a motion to table the motion regarding the draft minutes to the public pending further investigation by the Chief, seconded by Francis DePiano. The motion passed with Lynn Kelly opposing.

Barrett Township – N/A

- **2020-2022 Collective Bargaining** – The Collective Bargaining agreement is in its final stages. Administrative Agreements and Non-Sworn requests were also submitted, and currently in the commission's possession. Acceptance of agreements will be addressed next month.
- **2020 Promotional Process** – interviews for promotions were conducted October 16th, with Kurt Cummings in attendance. The final list is complete, and the results were given to the commission. Chief asked for a motion to promote a Corporal and upon the retirement of Det Sgt. Lenning; a Detective Sergeant position when the openings occur.

Motion:

Francis DePiano made a motion to approve promotions of a Corporal and Detective Sergeant when the openings occur, seconded Brendon Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

- **2020 Budget** – There was a slight revision based on receipt of the insurance number received. Draft was updated to Draft 2C and submitted to the Commission. Budget approval pending resolutions from municipalities.
- **Speed Studies** – Tobyhanna Township – State Route 940 Mountaintop Lodge, Oct. 1st to Oct 25th.
- **Community Events / Letters of Support**

October 2nd – Chief Wagner, Lt. Vogt, Corp. Nero, Officer Ellis attended Coffee with a Cop, Mc Donald's Mt. Pocono.

October 5th – Officer Apgar attended the Barrett Rotary Concert in the Park.

October 12th – Officer Metzger attended Lowes Safety Event.

October 13th – Officer Michaels and Corp Nero assisted with the Barrett Scarecrow 5K and attended The Barrett Fire Department Open House.

October 19th – Officer Papi attended the Fall Wellness Festival sponsored by Jack Rader

October 22nd – Multiple uniform and undercover officers participated in Operation Safe Stop (School Bus Safety)

October 25th – Officer Swingle attended TEC Trunk or Treat

October 26th – Corp. Nero and K9 Creed attended PMREMS Halloween Spooktacular, Officer Murgia attended the Coolbaugh Township, Coolbaugh Celebration, Officer Johnson spoke about Crime Prevention at Pocono Farms East Annual Board Meeting.

October 30th – Multiple officers began the next wave of state sponsored Aggressive Driving Program.

NASRO – Officer Jason Wile congratulations for status of SRO Practitioner. Tobyhanna Township – Thanks for participation in Party in the Park Fall Fest 2019. Janice Smith – Thanks for Officer Johnson's presentation to Pocono Farm East Community Assoc

PMRPF Holiday writing contest: PMRPF is sponsoring a writing contest for grades K-6, 7-8 & 9-12 "How the Holidays Mean More than Gifts". Winners from each group receives a \$500 shopping spree to a family in need. Each winner also receives a 2020 experience at Pocono Raceway.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jacqueline Blount- Wrote a letter to Claudette William that was forwarded to Chief Wagner regarding an incident involving her son. She thanked Officer Lutz for his calm demeanor and quick thinking regarding the handling of the incident. Francis DePiano thanked Ms. Blount for her appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was an Executive Session on October 18, 2019 from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was an Executive Session prior to the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel. The Executive Session began approximately 6:00 p.m. and ended approximately 7:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was an Executive Session after to the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel. The Executive Session began approximately 8:20 p.m. and ended approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette Williams
Pocono Mountain Regional Police
Commission Secretary