

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were: Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Brian Bond, Joanne Kochanski, Sonia Wolbert, and Rod Baechtold. Also in attendance was Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Paul Gasper, Tracie Kresge, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Two Commission members attended via zoom: Rick Staples and Tara Probst. Absent was Mary Pat Quinn.

SPECIAL NOTE

Mr. Martinelli announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to meet the requirements established by the Office of Open Records for virtual meetings, this meeting was being audio and video recorded via ZOOM from the initial announcement of the meeting until its end. The meeting zoom link was posted on the SARPD's website where the public could join the zoom meeting, interact, and ask questions in real time.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martinelli called the August 18, 2021 regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Eppley called roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the July 14, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.

All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the Department Report for July 2021 as submitted.

All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

Chief Lyon reported that a meeting is currently being scheduled for August in reference to the Departments updated Use of Force Policies.

Personnel

No meeting.

Safety

Ms. Kresge reported the Safety Committee met. She noted, at the last Commission meeting, it was reported that the windows in the Detective unit office to have been caulked to fix a leak. Ms. Kresge reported that the prior report was incorrect and that the Department was still waiting to have the work done. It was also reported that the building's fire alarm panel is scheduled to be fixed within the next month upon receipt of the required parts. Finally, the Committee discussed the condition of the Departments records room. It was noted that the room is in great need of reorganization and purging.

Police Pension Board

Mr. Staples reported that PFM was selling its asset management business to U.S. Bancorp Asset Management and inquired if the Solicitor had an update. Solicitor Prevoznik reported that he looked into the rights of assignment and that such actions invoked the requirements of Act 44 thereby having to solicit a new pension administrator.

Motion made by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Mr. Baechtold to authorize the solicitor to take the following actions: i) send a letter to PFM Asset Management stating that the Department does not consent to PFM assigning its rights and obligations under the current contract to U.S. Bancorp Asset Management; and ii) to begin the Act 44 process for hiring a new pension management firm. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No meeting.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Eppley reported that the committee met today and had their first meeting in reference to the 2022 Budget.

Negotiation Committee

Mr. Eppley reported that the Negotiation Committee met with the union on 7/15/21 and came to an agreement. The codification of the CBA is currently in process.

SARPC Foundation

No meeting.

Solicitor

Mr. Prevoznik reported no updates on any litigation matter. He noted that two outstanding matters are set to expire in August 2021 due to statute of limitations issues.

OLD BUSINESS

LSA Grant

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Bond to accept award of the LSA grant through the Monroe County Industrial Development Authority (MCIDA) in the amount of \$68,988.00 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle through the Commonwealth of Pa. COSTARS Program and to sign the Cooperation & Funding Procedures Agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Wolbert to accept the unaudited Treasurer's Reports as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JULY 14, 2021

After discussion, motion by Mr. Bond, seconded by Ms. Wolbert to accept and pay the bills payable through July 14, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase Car Cameras.

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Bond to purchase 2 unbudgeted WatchGuard Car Cameras from P&D Emergency Services (COSTARS) utilizing funds from the DEA Seizure Account for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Stroudsburg Area School District – School Resource Officer 6th Addendum

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Wolbert, to ratify the approval of the 6th Addendum of the SRO Agreement establishing a cost for a full and part-time SRO's to work in the Stroudsburg Area School District. The 6th Addendum to the SRO Agreement includes the same cost of service as previously approved but allows for modified payment terms for the 2021/2022 school year to allow for per diem use of an SRO due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic and current SARPD staffing levels; a copy of the 6th Addendum to be attached to minutes All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SRO MOU with Stroudsburg Area School District

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Bond authorize the Chief to sign the 2021-2023 SRO MOU with the Stroudsburg Area School District contingent upon approval by the solicitor. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.
All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.