

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were: Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Mary Pat Quinn, Joanne Kochanski, Brian Bond, Rick Staples, Rod Baechtold, and Sonia Wolbert. Also in attendance were: Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Scott Raymond, Tracie Kresge, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Commission members Rick Staples and Tarah Probst attended via Zoom.

**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 March 9, 2022 regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and called roll.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Solicitor Prevoznik reported that executive session was held prior to the meeting which began at 6:47 p.m. and ended at 6:57 p.m. All members of the Commission were present in person with the exception of Mr. Staples and Ms. Probst, who participated via zoom and Mr. Bond who was absent. Ms. Wolbert joined the executive meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Discussed were 4 pending litigation matters and 1 grievance with the Union. No decisions were made.

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING**

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the February 09, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022**

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the Department Report for February 2022 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Operations Committee**

Mr. Martinelli reported that the Operations Committee is recommending for approval the following policies: Use of Force, Reporting Use of Force, Conducted Energy Weapon, and Officer Involved Shootings. All Commission members were emailed draft copies of the aforesaid policies. Chief Lyon reported that the policies were complete and in final form. All the policies were presented to the Operations Committee, Union, and Solicitor, who are all recommending the policies to the Commission for approval.

**Personnel**

No meeting.

### **Safety**

Mr. Staples reported that a meeting was held on 3/8/22 in which a few minor vehicle accidents were discussed. Also discussed was a window at Headquarters which requires caulking. Caulking to be performed once the weather warms up. Mr. Staples also reported that the Department received the 5% safety-training discount for workmen's compensation, which was completed in October of 2021.

### **Police Pension Board**

Mr. Staples stated that the board had its year-end meeting on 2/23/22. He reported that the pension fund is currently stable in the market, a few adjustments were made to put the fund in a better position and they will be meeting again in May to discuss the current trends and have a better idea on how the fund will do in 2022.

### **Non-Uniform Pension Board**

No meeting.

### **Budget/Finance**

No meeting.

### **Negotiation Committee**

No meeting.

### **SARPC Foundation**

No meeting.

### **Solicitor**

Solicitor Prevoznik reported on executive session. Nothing further.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH MARCH 9, 2022**

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept and pay the bills payable through March 9, 2022 as submitted. Mr. Baechtold inquired as to what the bill from P&D Emergency Services was for. Chief Lyon reported that it was for a patrol car up fitting, for all the police equipment that needed to be purchased and installed on the new vehicles that were purchased. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Statements of Financial Interest.**

Mr. Martinelli stated that the statements of financial interest are due by May 01, 2022.

#### **2022 Housing Authority Agreement.**

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to enter into a 2022 Agreement which contains the same terms and conditions as last year with the Housing Authority, to wit: up to \$25,000.00 of additional police services at a rate of \$75.00 per hour and the payment of a lump sum in the amount of \$4,500.00 upon signing of the agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SARPD Use of Force Policy.**

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to adopt the revised Use of Force Policy #6-1 and to rescind any former Use of Force Policy currently in effect. Policy reviewed and approved by the Operations Committee and accepted by the Union. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SARPD Reporting Use of Force Policy**

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to adopt and implement the new SARPD Reporting Use of Force Policy #6-2 and to rescind any existing inconsistent policy currently in effect. Policy reviewed and approved by the Operations Committee and accepted by the Union. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**SARPD Officer Involved Shooting Policy.**

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to adopt the new SARPD Officer Involved Shooting Policy #6-3. Policy reviewed and approved by the Operations Committee and accepted by the Union. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**SARPD Conducted Energy Weapon Policy.**

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to adopt the revised SARPD Conducted Energy Weapon Policy #6.5 and to rescind any existing inconsistent policy currently in effect. Policy reviewed and approved by the Operations Committee and accepted by the Union. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held on policy transparency. Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to attach the Use of Force, Reporting Use of Force, and Officer Involved Shooting Policies to the minutes and post on the SARPD website. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Baechtold stated that the Department has made positive input in the direction the Police Department has been taking for staffing, financial control, retirement funding, structure, and policies. He inquired as to the next step the Department needs to take. Discussion held on the policy development that the Chief was currently working on and the operations of the Department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Roll Call:

Aye: Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Rick Staples, Brian Bond, Tarah Probst, Sonia Wolbert, Mary Pat Quinn, Joanne Kochanski,

Nay: Rod Baechtold.

Motion carried 8 - 1