

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were Armand Martinelli, Mary Pat Quinn, Daryl Eppley, Joanne Kochanski, Brian Bond, Erica McCabe and Victor Brozusky. Commission member Rick Staples attended via Zoom. Absent was Rod Baechtold and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Also in attendance were: Chief Jennifer Lyon and Tracie Kresge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martinelli called the May 10, 2023, regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Epley called roll.

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.

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2023, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the Minutes of April 12, 2023, as submitted. Ms. McCabe abstained due to absence. The remaining members voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CHIEFS REPORT

Grant

Chief Lyon reported she is continuing to work with Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency on the budgetary issues and updating the quotes to get the final approval.

Body Cameras

Chief Lyon reported that the Body Cam policy is in effect. Body Cam training is ongoing. It is expected to have 100% live deployment in July on officers.

Tyler RMS Project

Chief Lyon reported that Tyler RMS Project is still being completed. Past monthly reports are scheduled to be released over the summer.

SRO Program

Chief reported that Stroudsburg Area School District has approved one SRO full-time and one SRO part-time as needed at per diem rate to return to the campuses for the 2023/2024 school year. The Chief reminded the Commission that the SRO Program was temporary stopped due to manpower shortages. Chief also reminded everyone that 2023/2024 school year is the last year of the negotiated payment terms and will need to be renegotiated for future contracts. Accordingly, the Department will need an 8th addendum to the SRO contract for next school year.

USDOJ 28th Annual Award Ceremony

Chief reported that on 5/3/23, the US Dept. of Justice Executive Office for the US Attorneys held its 28th Annual Directors Award Ceremony in Washington, DC. The ceremony acknowledges and celebrates the exceptional work and distinguished achievement of the US attorneys, the Dept. of Justice, and their partners in law enforcement. Officer Chris Shelly was recognized for his exceptional work investigating and prosecuting 35 defendants involved

in a significant heroin and sex trafficking operation based in Monroe County. Monroe County Detective Kim Lippincott was also honored. The illegal operation was headed by a violent street gang known as the “Black P-stones” whose reach extended from Chicago to NYC and the State of Maine. Chief reported that we should all be extremely proud of Officer Shelly’s contribution of the eradication of a significant gang operation in our area.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Brozusky, to table the April 2023 monthly report due to not being able to obtain accurate data due to the implementation of the new RMS system. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

No report.

Personnel

No report.

Safety

No report.

Police Pension Board

Mr. Staples reported that the quarterly pension meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2023.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No report.

Budget/Finance

No report.

Negotiation Committee

No report.

SARPD Foundation

No report.

Solicitor

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Lieutenant Position

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to authorize the Chief to assign an Acting Lieutenant, on a temporary basis, due to current administration limitations. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the unaudited Treasurer’s Report, as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills Payable through May 10, 2023

Motion by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Mr. Bond to accept and pay the bills payable through May 10, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Epley asked the status of the electricity supplier contract. Ms. Kresge updated the Commission that the new supplier was selected and the contract began May 1, 2023. However to get a credit from NextERA Energy we made need to file a PUC Complaint. The billing issue was still being negotiated between NextERA Energy and the Department through the use of the Department’s energy broker.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 SARPd Audit

2022 SARPd Audit report is ongoing. Should be ready for Commission action at the July meeting.

2022 Certified Hiring List

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Bond, to allow the current certified hiring list (Certified on 11/9/22 and expires on 5/10/2023) to expire and decertify the hiring list as of 5/11/23 at 0001 hours. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 Hiring Process

Motion made by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Ms. Quinn to begin the 2023 hiring process without the requirement of Act 120 certification. Hiring process to follow the hiring policy. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Part-Time Police Secretary

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to hire Jenna Fistner as a part-time police secretary at the hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour and all other benefits as provided to part-time civilian personnel as per the employee manual. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dave Piccioni, of DVP Towing, came to request a meeting with the Department so that he can be put back on the towing rotation. Chief Lyon said she would set up a meeting with him to discuss his request.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Mr. Bond to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.