

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF May 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, May 11, 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, Rod Baechtold, Sonia Wolbert, and Tarah Probst. Also in attendance were: Captain Scott Raymond and Tracie Kresge. Commission member Rick Staples, Chief Jennifer Lyon, and Solicitor John Prevoznik 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 May 11, 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.

MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Eppley to accept the April 13, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye. Ms. Probst and Mr. Baechtold abstained based upon non-presence at last meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Lyon reported that the Department received a donation check for \$500 from Nam Majidco Inc in support of the police. Chief Lyon to send a thank you letter in response.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

No meeting.

Personnel

No meeting.

Safety

No meeting.

Police Pension Board

Mr. Staples reported that there was no meeting but a quarterly pension meeting is scheduled for later in the month.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

Ms. Quinn reported no meeting but they are working on coordinating a meeting for next month.

Budget/Finance

No meeting.

Negotiation Committee

No meeting.

SARPC Foundation

No meeting.

Solicitor

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Probst inquired the status of the K9 unit. Chief Lyon stated the K9 unit is still active with Officer Bendix on patrol.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH May 11, 2022

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept and pay the bills payable through May 11, 2022 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cadet Kenneth Malarick Resignation.

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Bond to ratify the Chief's acceptance of Cadet Kenneth Malarick's resignation from the SARPD effective 4/21/22. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Implementation of Police Cadet Reimbursement Contract.

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst, to authorize the Solicitor to work with the Chief on amending the current SARPD hiring policy to include reimbursement for all costs expended by the SARPD pertaining to police cadets who terminate their employment for any reason except for injury and illness, while in the police academy. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst, to authorize the Solicitor and Chief to develop a Police Cadet Reimbursement Contract which requires police cadets, who leave the academy for any reason other than injury or illness, to reimburse the SARPD for all costs actually incurred without reimbursement for the cadet to attend the police academy and obtain Act 120 certification. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Conditional Offer of Employment for 6 Positions of Police Officer

Chief Lyon requested this to be tabled to the June meeting. Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to table the Conditional Offer of Employment for 6 Positions of Police Officer to the June Commission Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 SARPD Departmentally-Approved Tow Company- DVP/DC Towing

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to approve David Picioni DBA DVP Service Center as a Departmentally-Approved Tow company for the SARPD pursuant to the Department's Tow Policy and accepting the executed hold harmless agreement and ACORD which have been provided to the Department as per policy. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to approve Dale Chan DBA DC Towing as a Departmentally-Approved Tow company for the SARPD pursuant to the Department's Tow Policy and accepting the executed hold harmless agreement and ACORD which have been provided to the Department as per policy. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Prisoner Transports via the Monroe County Constable's Task Force

Chief Lyon stated that she is looking into the possibility of Constables providing prisoner transportation for the SARPD for hearings at the magistrate's offices in order to free up Officers time and save costs. However, she expressed that there appears to be some liability issues which require further research. She will report back to the Commission after the liability issues have been researched further with the Solicitor.

Discussion of Future Direction of Department.

Motion made by Mr. Baechtold, seconded by Ms. Wolbert to table the Discussion of Future Direction of Department to the June Commission Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Probst to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.