

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, April 13, 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, and Brian Bond. Absent was Rod Baechtold, and Sonia Wolbert and Tarah Probst. Also in attendance were: Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Scott Raymond, Tracie Kresge, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Commission member Rick Staples 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 April 13, 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 6:48 p.m. and ended at 6:56 p.m. Commission members present in person were Mr. Martinelli, Mr. Eppley, Ms. Quinn, Ms. Kochanski, and Mr. Bond, and Mr. Staples participated via zoom. Discussed were ongoing litigation matters and personnel matters involving Workmen's Compensation and Heart and Lung. No decisions were made.

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

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Eppley to accept the March 09, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Monroe County Commissioners returned the fully executed Lease for Magisterial District No. 43-2-02 Office, 98 Day Street, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Correspondence was received from the MRM Trust Program with the Philadelphia Insurance Company, enclosing a dividend check in the amount of \$26,695.00. Chief Lyon reported that the anticipated budgeted dividend was \$15,000.00.

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

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Eppley to accept the Department Report for March 2022 as submitted. Discussion on report and the reasons for the increase in overtime due to limited staffing. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Operations Committee**

No meeting.

**Personnel**

No meeting.

### **Safety**

Mr. Staples reported that a Safety Committee meeting was held on 4/12/22 during which a minor vehicle accident as well as Officers injuries were discussed. Also discussed was a window at Headquarters which requires caulking and is scheduled to be fixed this month. Mr. Staples also reported that the Department was investigating the cause of an unidentified odor in the Magisterial District's Office.

### **Police Pension Board**

Mr. Staples stated that there was no meeting but a quarterly pension meeting is scheduled for next 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**

Solicitor Prevoznik reported on executive session. Nothing further.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH APRIL 13, 2022**

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Staples to accept and pay the bills payable through April 13, 2022 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Add New Business Item On Agenda- Conditional Offer of Employment**

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Quinn to add a new item to the agenda, Conditional Offer of Employment for Position of Police Officer, as a result of the Department's short staffing and competition in hiring issues currently facing the Department. Amended agenda to be posted on the SARPD website by tomorrow. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Conditional Offer of Employment for Position of Police Officer (Amended New Agenda Item)**

Motion made by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to make a Conditional Offer of Employment for Act 120 certified candidate ID#64720 on the certified hiring list, Matthew Gallagher, as per the hiring policy, for the position of police officer to be tendered on April 25th, 2022 and contingent upon his successful completion of his background, psychological, and physical exams. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **AT&T FirstNet**

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Quinn to approve the Department's transition for cellular and communication services from Verizon to AT&T FirstNet, the only nationwide dedicated public safety communications platform designed for first responders at the following cost: \$897.50 monthly service fee for unlimited talk, text, and data plan. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**2022 SARP Departmentally-Approved Tow Company- Schliers/Weiss Towing**

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Eppley, to approve John Gentile Jr., DBA Schliers Towing as a Departmentally-Approved Tow company for the SARP 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. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Bond, to approve James Weiss, DBA James Weiss Auto Body and Towing as a Departmentally-Approved Tow company for the SARP 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.

**Austin Healy Enclave 2022**

Discussion held on the Austin Healy Enclave 2022 event being planned by Stroudsburg Borough for Wednesday September 21, 2022. Motion made by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to write a letter from the SARPC to the Stroudsburg Borough Council in reference to the Austin Healy Enclave event in which the Commission should express its concerns regarding the closing of streets, traffic backups, the current manpower levels of the SARP not currently supporting a large-scale event, and other potential issues involving the Police Department and communities it serves. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chief Lyon reported that she received multiple positive comments from the community about the multiple ENRADD speed details that Captain Raymond coordinated with the patrol unit. The speed details were performed in high traffic crash areas such as Rt. 447/Analomink Street, North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington Street, and Lower Main Street in the month of March.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Bond to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.