

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Joanne Kochanski, Sonia Wolbert, Mary Pat Quinn and Victor Brozusky. Commission member Rick Staples attended via Zoom. Absent were Erica McCabe, Rod Baechtold, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Also, in attendance were: Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Scott Raymond, Lieutenant. Mike Sampere and Tracie Kresge.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martinelli called the October 11, 2023, regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Eppley 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the Minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting, as submitted. Mary Pat Quinn, and Victor Brozusky abstained. The remaining members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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None.

CHIEFS REPORT

Tyler Report Management System (RMS) Project

Chief Lyon reported that the RMS Project is ongoing.

Local Law Enforcement Grant

Chief Lyon reported that everything has been completed and submitted to Pennsylvania Commission on Crime Delinquency (PCCD) for the grant. The Department is just waiting for the official grant award and the funds to be released.

Contracted Services

Chief Lyon reported that Tracie is working on the 2024 contracted services bids. It is expected that the bid results will be presented to the Commission at the November meeting.

Valuation Report

Chief Lyon reported that she received an email from Laura Prego, from Foster & Foster, in reference to the 1/1/23 Valuation report and interest rates to be used for the report. This is the report that will impact the 2025 MMO. After the Chief spoke with Ms. Prego, she is waiting for more information on the upcoming valuation. Chief stated that once she obtains the information, she will forward this to the Pension Board for its discuss and recommendation. The Chief hopes to bring back the recommendation to the Commission before the end of the year.

Hiring and Promotions

Chief Lyon reported that the Hiring test is currently scheduled for tomorrow, October 12, 2023. Forty-one applicants have signed up to take the Hiring test. She also reported that the Promotional test is scheduled for Friday, October 13, 2023. Fifteen officers are taking the Promotional test.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to accept the September 2023 monthly report as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

No report.

Personnel

No report.

Safety

Annual safety training scheduled for October 17, 2023.

Police Pension Board

Meeting scheduled for November 10, 2023.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No report.

Budget/Finance

Meetings were held 9/15/23, 9/29/23, and 10/4/23 to work on the 2024 Budget. The budget Committee is recommending that the Budget be forwarded to the member municipalities for their approval.

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to forward the proposed 2024 SARPD Budget in the amount of \$10,420,577.00, as recommended by the Budget Committee, to the member municipalities for approval. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Negotiation Committee

No report.

SARPD Foundation

No report.

Solicitor

Chief Lyon reported on behalf of the solicitor, that the Department received notification of a potential lawsuit based on an auto accident. The documentation has been forwarded to the Department's insurance carrier to handle as an insurance claim.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills Payable through October 11, 2023

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to accept and pay the bills payable through October 11, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PCCD Law Enforcement Support Grant Award

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski seconded by Ms. Wolbert to accept award of the Law Enforcement Support Grant through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$755,455.00 subject to final categorical approval upon recommendation by solicitor and further action by Commission in compliance with the Grant provisions. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

LSA Grant

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski seconded by Ms. Quinn to ratify the Chief submission of an application for the LSA Grant through the Monroe County Industrial Development Authority (MCIDA) for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new upfitted patrol vehicles, in the amount of \$158,000.00 and paying of the application fee of \$600.00. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.