

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual conference. Commission members in attendance via Zoom were: Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Mary Pat Quinn, Joanne Kochanski, Brian Bond, Rick Staples, and Tarah Probst. Absent were Sonia Wolbert and Rod Baechtold. Also in attendance was Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Paul Gasper and Solicitor Prevoznik.

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 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Eppley called roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Prevoznik reported that executive session was held as advertised prior to the meeting which began at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 7:03 p.m. Discussed were Union contract negotiations, pending investigations involving the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and policies in regard to employees. No decisions were made. Rod Baechtold and Sonia Wolbert were not present.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the February 10, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye. Mr. Martinelli abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst to accept the Department Report for February 2021 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 and Mrs. Quinn both reported they had a meeting and that the pension fund was doing well.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No meeting.

Budget/Finance

No meeting.

Negotiation Committee

Mr. Eppley reported that the Negotiations with the Union were still ongoing as meetings were held on 2/11 and 3/4/21. Another meeting is scheduled for 3/18/21.

SARPC Foundation

No meeting.

Solicitor

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Statement of Financial Interest.

Mr. Martinelli stated that the statement of financial interest is due by May 01, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH MARCH 10, 2021

After discussion, motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Probst to accept and pay the bills payable through March 10, 2021 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

SARPD Act 17 Policy.

Motion made by Ms. Probst, seconded by Ms. Quinn to approve the SARPD Act 17 policy as presented. Policy shall be attached to minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SARPD Covid-19 Response Policy (civilian).

After discussion, motion made by Ms. Probst, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to approve the SARPD Covid-19 Response Policy for civilian employees as discussed with changes read by Solicitor Prevoznik and as suggested by Attorney McLaughlin. Policy to be attached to minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Stroudsburg Area School District MOU.

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst to authorize the Chief and solicitor to work with the SASD in finalizing a MOU for law enforcement responses to replace existing MOU. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Kochanski, as chairman of the Monroe County Control Centers Board, thanked Captain Gasper for participating in and assisting in the oral interview process for the hiring of new dispatchers. Ms. Probst inquired on behalf of the Stroudsburg Borough Crime Watch, if a press release would be put out reference a recent incident regarding shots fired in the Borough. Chief Lyon responded that the incident was currently under investigation and a press release would be put out when more information was available. Ms. Probst also had a question on the sale of cigarettes to minors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bond, seconded by Ms. Probst to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.