

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 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, Sonia Wolbert, Joanne Kochanski, Tara Probst and Rod Baechtold. Also in attendance was Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Paul Gasper, Tracie Kresge, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. One Commission member attended via zoom: Rick Staples. Absent was Brian Bond.

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 June 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:02 p.m. and Mr. Eppley called roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2020 AUDIT REPORT

The Commission members received a copy of the draft 2020 SARPD Audit report. The Departments Auditor, Carl Hogan from BBD, LLP, was present via zoom and reviewed the 2020 Audit and answered questions. Mr. Hogan relayed that it was a good audit with no comments. He found the process very smooth and successful. He thanked Chief Lyon and Ms. Kresge for their assistance.

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst to accept the 2020 Audit report as presented by Carl Hogan and forward to the three member municipalities and post on the SARPD website. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by MS. Quinn to accept the May 12, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the Department Report for May 2021 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

No meeting.

Personnel

Mr. Eppley reported only one committee member was able to meet with the Chief for her performance evaluation. He was seeking additional dates for the committee to meet.

Safety

No report.

Police Pension Board

Mr. Staples reported that the pension balance increased from \$18,411,649.00 in April of 2020 to \$24,958,272.00 in March of 2021 with current benchmarks on returns ahead by 2%.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No meeting.

Budget/Finance

No meeting.

Negotiation Committee

Mr. Eppley reported that the Negotiations Committee has a meeting scheduled with the union tomorrow on 6/10/21.

SARPC Foundation

Ms. Kochanski reported that the Foundation had a meeting and the current balance in the account was \$65,865.79. The board also voted to hold the 11th Annual SARPD Golf Tournament at Pocono Hills golf course on 9/24/21.

Solicitor

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JUNE 9, 2021

After discussion, motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept and pay the bills payable through June 9, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Certify New Hiring List

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert seconded by Ms. Kochanski to certify the new hiring list until December 08, 2021 and to attach the certified list, listing only applicant ID numbers and rank to the minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 Hiring Process

After discussion. Motion made by Ms. Probst seconded by Ms. Kochanski to start the process to create a new hiring list after the expiration of the current certified list. The Chief requested that for this round of hiring, the Department would not require Act 120 certification and to authorize the Chief to work with the solicitor to develop a reimbursement policy. Hiring process to follow the hiring policy. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Acoustical Consultant.

After discussion. Motion made by Ms. Probst, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to retain JMS Acoustics LLC from Bethlehem, at the rate of \$230 hr., plus travel time, at a cost not to exceed \$1500, to meet with the Chief and three municipal representatives, to discuss noise ordinances and the enforcement of such ordinances. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Probst stated that she would like to see all the SARPC committees meet on a monthly or quarterly basis as they do in Stroudsburg Borough. Mr. Martinelli stated that currently, the committees meet when they have items to discuss but that the Committee Chairs could decide to meet more frequently if they so desire.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.