

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, April 14, 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, Rick Staples, Sonia Wolbert, and Tarah Probst. Absent were Brian Bond and Rod Baechtold. Also in attendance was Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Paul Gasper, and Solicitor John 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 April 14, 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.

MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Ms. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Staples to accept the March 10, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes. All but Mr. Eppley voted aye. Mr. Eppley abstained because of his inability to review ahead of time. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the Department Report for March 2021 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

No meeting.

Personnel

No meeting.

Safety

Mr. Staples reported the committee met and discussed 7 minor non-injury departmental vehicle accidents that have occurred since October of 2020, an old issue with a leak in the detective unit which is being addressed and an area outside of HQ in which soil needs to be added due to water runoff. Mr. Staples also reported that no officers are currently out injured.

Police Pension Board

No meeting.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No meeting.

Budget/Finance

No meeting.

Negotiation Committee

Mr. Eppley reported that the Negotiations Committee has met several times and negotiations with the Union were still ongoing.

SARPC Foundation

No meeting.

Solicitor

Mr. Prevoznik reported that there have been no changes to outstanding litigations.

OLD BUSINESS

Statement of Financial Interest.

Mr. Martinelli reminded the Commission that their statements of financial interests were due at Headquarters by May 01, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH APRIL 14, 2021

After discussion, motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst to accept and pay the bills payable through April 14, 2021 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Officer Derenick

After discussion, motion made by Mr. Staples, seconded by Mr. Eppley to accept Matthew Derenick's resignation from the SARPD effective April 21, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Portable Radios Purchase

After discussion, motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Eppley to purchase 4 unbudgeted Harris/Tait TP9405 Portable UHF radios from TuWay Communications (costars) utilizing funds from the DEA Seizure Account for an amount not to exceed \$8700.00. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Protection System

After discussion, motion made by Ms. Kochanski seconded by Mr. Eppley to approve the purchase of an unbudgeted upgraded fire protection system 4010ES (due to a current system failure) for the SARPD headquarters to be purchased from Johnson Controls (COSTARS) utilizing funds from the DEA Seizure account for an amount not to exceed \$18,700.00 and contingent upon approval from the DOJ for the use of DEA funds. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Wolbert inquired about a noise complaint made by a resident at the last East Stroudsburg Borough Council meeting in the area of North Green Street. Captain Gasper reported he researched the issue and from August of 2020 till present. He found= a total of 7 calls involving noise or disruptive behavior in that area. The nature of the calls did not indicate repeated problems at any one residence. In addition, the number of calls was not out of the ordinary for other areas of the jurisdiction. Accordingly, Captain Gasper found no basis which would establish an ongoing noise or disruptive conduct situation in that area.

ADJOURNMENT

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