

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Joanne Kochanski, Sonia Wolbert, and Victor Brozusky. Commission member Rick Staples attended via Zoom. Absent were Erica McCabe, Rod Baechtold, and Mary Pat Quinn. Also in attendance were: Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Scott Raymond, and Tracie Kresge.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martinelli called the May 10, 2023, regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:04 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Prevoznik reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting. The Executive Session began at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 6:59 p.m. All members of the Commission were present except Ms. McCabe, Mr. Baechtold, and Ms. Quinn. Mr. Staples participated via zoom. Chief Lyon was also present. Discussed was a litigation matter that has been filed in Federal Court, three personnel matters, and a contract negotiation matter with regard to IT services. No decisions were made.

MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2023, REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the Minutes of May 10, 2023 meeting, as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

None.

OATH OF OFFICE – SHAWN DOWNEY

Mr. Martinelli administered the Oath of Office for Ofc. Shawn Downey, who was hired at the 12/14/2022 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Eppley read a letter dated June 9, 2023, from the East Stroudsburg Borough announcing the resignation of Mr. Brian Bond and appointing Ms. Sonia Wolbert to the Police Commission for the remainder of Mr. Bond's term, expiring January 1, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Attorney Primrose spoke on behalf of DVP Towing who is in receipt of Chief Lyon's letter denying his reinstatement to the tow rotation. Attorney Primrose is requesting further discussion on the matter. Mr. Prevoznik, Mr. Primrose, and Chief Lyon all agreed to meet at a later date and time to discuss the issue. Mr. Primrose will have his secretary reach out to Mr. Prevoznik to get the meeting scheduled.

CHIEFS REPORT

Meeting with DVP Towing

Chief Lyon updated the Commission on the request at last month's meeting from Dave Piccioni of DVP Towing, who asked to be reinstated on the Department's tow rotation list. The Chief stated that she reviewed all of the

information associated with the issue and met in person with Mr. Piccioni. His status on the tow rotation will remain unchanged.

Tyler Report Management System (RMS) Project

Chief Lyon reported that the RMS and IBR transition projects are still ongoing.

Grant

Chief Lyon is still working with PCCD on the budgetary issues.

Body Cameras

Chief Lyon reported that body cameras have been deployed on approximately 15 Officers that have completed the training requirements. She reported she still anticipates 100% deployment of bodycams in July.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023

Motion made by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Ms. Wolbert to table the May 2023 monthly report as a result of the Department not being able to obtain accurate information due to the implementation of the new RMS system. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

No report.

Personnel

No report.

Safety

A meeting was held 6/13/2023. Mr. Staples reported that two officers were injured, both receiving only minor injuries. One injured officer was placed on light duty for three days, while the other injured officer lost no time. One injury occurred as a result of a loose dog while the other injury occurred during the pursuit of a suspect.

Police Pension Board

A meeting was held 5/26/2023. Mr. Staples provided information on the 2nd Quarter pension report. He reported that the market was up from the 1st Quarter, but that the Department was still in a negative net flow for contributions vs. distributions.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No report.

Budget/Finance

No report.

Negotiation Committee

No report.

SARPD Foundation

No report.

Solicitor

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 SARPD Audit.

2022 SARPD Audit report is ongoing. Should be ready for Commission action at the July meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Bills Payable through June 14, 2023

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Mr. Brozusky, to accept and pay the bills payable through June 14, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of SARPC Treasurer

Motion made by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to appoint Ms. Sonia Wolbert to the position of Treasurer of the Police Commission. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Promotion of Michael Sampere to Lieutenant

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to promote Michael Sampere to the position of Lieutenant at an annual salary of \$115,875.00, an exempt position outside of the SARPD Bargaining Unit, contingent upon the full execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) containing provisions equivalent to that of prior Lieutenants MOUs; to include changes for salary and audited carry-over leave time and to exclude post-retirement healthcare. The MOU has been reviewed and is ready for execution. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation of Sergeant

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to ratify the Chief accepting Sergeant Miller’s resignation from the position of Sergeant and to return to the position of Patrol Officer effective 06/05/2023. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SARPD Electric Supplier

Motion made by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Ms. Wolbert, to ratify the Department’s use of an energy broker, World Kinect Energy Services, to negotiate and finalize entering into a contract with Constellation Energy for a 24-month fixed term for electricity to replace the current electricity provider. The energy broker is paid through an electric contract with Constellation Energy. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to ratify entering into an electric energy contract with supplier, Constellation Energy, for a 24-month fixed term at a rate of \$0.10192 per KWH, replacing the current supplier, NextEra with a rate of \$0.2330. SARPD has the right to re-negotiate after one year. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Stroudsburg Area School District – School Resource Officer 8th Addendum

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Eppley, to approve the 8th Addendum of the SRO Agreement, establishing costs for one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time SRO to work in the Stroudsburg Area School District facilities with the same payment terms (One full-time SRO \$85,496.50; One part-time SRO per diem as needed \$53.44 per hour) for the 2023/2024 school year. A copy of the 8th Addendum to be attached to the minutes and authorize Solicitor to finalize the 8th Addendum. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.