

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were: Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Brian Bond, Joanne Kochanski, Mary Pat Quinn, Sonia Wolbert, Tara Probst, and Rod Baechtold. Also in attendance were Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Paul Gasper, Tracie Kresge, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. One Commission members attended via zoom: Rick Staples.

**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 SARPDP's website where the public could join the zoom meeting, interact, and ask questions in real time.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Martinelli called the September 9, 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 prior to the meeting which began at 6:20 p.m. and ended at 6:58 p.m. Discussed were contract negotiations with the Union and one litigation matter involving the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. He further reported that no decisions were made. All members of the Commission were present in person with the exception of Mr. Staples, who participated via zoom.

**RATIFY HIRING OF TYLER MITCHELL**

Motion made by Mr. Baechtold, seconded by Ms. Wolbert, to ratify the hiring of new Officer Tyler Mitchell to the SARPDP retroactive to his starting date of 8/23/21.

**OATH OF OFFICE- TYLER MITCHELL**

Mr. Martinelli administered the Oath of Office to Officer Tyler Mitchell. Chief Lyon issued him his badge.

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Baechtold, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to accept the August 18, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye except Mary Pat Quinn and Ms. Probst who abstained due to not attending the meeting. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021**

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Wolbert to table the Department Report for August 2021 to next month since data to complete the report could not be obtained from the Monroe County Control Center for August 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Operations Committee**

Chief Lyon reported that the Department's updated Use of Force Policies are still being worked on, and multiple other policies are now involved. She hopes to have them before the Commission as soon as possible.

### **Personnel**

No meeting.

### **Safety**

Ms. Staples report that the meeting is scheduled for next week.

### **Police Pension Board**

Mr. Staples reported that the Board met. The current balance in the pension as of July 2021 was \$ 26,085,748.00, which was an increase of \$5,636.046.00 from July 2020.

### **Non-Uniform Pension Board**

No meeting.

### **Budget/Finance**

Mr., Eppley reported that there was no meeting held but that a meeting was to be scheduled in the next two weeks. Chief Lyon reported that she was waiting on more budget figures, such as the MMO, to come in before the committee works on the next draft for the 2022 Budget.

### **Negotiation Committee**

Mr. Eppley reported that the Chief and attorneys are still working on the final draft of the CBA to be submitted to the union for review. He hoped to have the final draft by next month. Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst, to authorize an increase in the current Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP") participation period from three years to five years, with all other terms of the DROP program to remain in effect contingent upon negotiating and obtaining a fully executed CBA by agreement. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously

### **SARPC Foundation**

No meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept and pay the bills payable through September 9, 2021. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2022 MMO.**

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Wolbert, to adopt the 2022 MMO for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$30,800.00 with the MMO worksheet to be attached to the minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Wolbert, to adopt the 2022 MMO for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,060,600.00, subject for modification by further motion of the Commission with the MMO worksheet to be attached to the minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2022 Contracted Services**

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Wolbert, to solicit bids for standard contracted services under the mandatory bid threshold for the year 2022 (Car Wash, Oil changes, Lawn Care, Snow Plowing, Uniform Cleaning, Generator, HVAC, and Motorcycle Maintenance). All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to advertise bids as required for contracted services for the year 2022 Auto Body Services. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Destruction of SARPD Property**

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Ms. Probst to dispose of one tazer and fifty-one portable radios as listed on the attached list of SARPD property as per the Property Destruction Policy, all items are

antiquated/inoperable and will be destroyed and the list of items for disposal are to be attached to the minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Probst stated that the Radar Bill passed the Senate and is currently in the House for approval. She inquired if anyone heard an update on the Bills status as she believes it is important to get radar passed for community safety. No update could be given as the Bill awaits final consideration from the House Transportation Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Wolbert, seconded by Ms. Kochanski to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.  
All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.