

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom virtual conference. Commission members in attendance via Zoom were: Mary Pat Quinn, Armand Martinelli, Daryl Eppley, Joanne Kochanski, Rick Staples, and Tarah Probst. Also in attendance: Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Paul Gasper, and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Sonia Wolbert, Rod Baechtold and Brian Bond were absent.

SPECIAL NOTE

Mr. Martinelli read the following prepared statement at the beginning of the meeting: “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 was also streamed live on the SARPD’s Facebook page where the public could interact and ask questions in real time.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martinelli called the August 12, 2020 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 JULY 08, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the July 08, 2020 Commission Meeting Minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the Department Report for July 2020 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee

Chief Lyon reported that an Operations Committee meeting was held on 8/7/20. The committee discussed the Use of Force Policy and needed changes. The Chief stated that the policy changes are being taken extremely serious due to the current issues occurring in society and in response to everything that is being asked of the police departments nationwide. A new national consensus policy & discussion paper on use of force was just published in July- this paper is a collaborative effort among 11 of the most significant law enforcement leadership & labor organizations in the U.S. and was also taken into consideration for the policy changes. The Chief reported that as they finalize the policy it will be presented to their legal department for review, go back to the operations committee for approval and then be submitted to the Commission for final approval and implementation.

Personnel

No meeting.

Safety

No Meeting.

Police Pension Board

Mr. Staples reported that they are having their quarterly pension meeting tomorrow and he will report back next month on the performance of the pension plan.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No Meeting.

Capital Improvement Committee

No Meeting.

Budget/Finance

Mr. Eppley reported that the Chief had submitted a draft budget and a budget meeting is scheduled for 9/2/20 to begin preparing the 2021 budget.

Negotiation Committee

Mr. Eppley reported that they had a meeting with union representatives on 7/23/20 in which they reviewed, compared and discussed the respective issues in dispute. The next meeting is scheduled for 8/14/20 to continue negotiations.

SARPC Foundation

No Meeting.

Solicitor

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Payment for 2003 Ford Motor Carrier Enforcement Van with Scales.

Chief Lyon reported that the department has taken possession of and paid Middlesex Township for the van and scales as approved at the March 2020 Commission meeting. The acquisition and payment was delayed due to the current pandemic.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2020

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Staples to accept and pay the bills payable through August 12, 2020 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PCCD County Funding Grant for Law Enforcement- Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Relief.

Chief Lyon reported that Monroe County was allocated \$109,700 in funding specifically for law enforcement for emergency supplemental relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A proposal was submitted to the Monroe County Commissioners for expenses already incurred due to COVID and for future anticipated expenses due to COVID.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Eppley seconded by Mr. Staples to ratify Chief Lyon applying for funding from Monroe County for the PCCD Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Relief grant for \$19,694.64 of already incurred Covid expenses and \$13,220.00 in anticipated future Covid costs for the total amount of \$32,915.00. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SARPD 2019 Annual Report.

Mr. Martinelli stated that Chief Lyon will be emailing out the 2019 annual report to the Commission later this month for review and to email her any comments or questions in reference to the report. It will be presented at the next Commission meeting for approval.

Purchase of New Patrol Vehicle.

Motion by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Staples to purchase a patrol ready 2021 Ford Interceptor from Ray Price Ford (Co-stars) at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00 as per the budgeted line item.

All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Staples, seconded by Ms. Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.