

**MINUTES OF THE STROUD AREA REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in the Stroud Area Regional Police Meeting Room. Commission members in attendance were: Armand Martinelli, Mary Pat Quinn, Daryl Eppley, Joanne Kochanski, Brian Bond, Erica McCabe and Victor Brozusky. Commission member Rick Staples attended via Zoom. Also in attendance were: Chief Jennifer Lyon, Captain Scott Raymond, Tracie Kresge and Solicitor John Prevoznik. Rod Baechtold was absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Martinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Martinelli called the February 8th, 2023 regular meeting of the Stroud Area Regional Police Commission to order at 7:10 p.m. and 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Prevoznik reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting. The Executive Session began at 6:36 p.m. and ended at 7:06 p.m. All members of the Commission were present except Mr. Baechtold.

Mr. Staples joined via zoom at 6:48 and Ms. McCabe joined at 6:55. Discussed were personnel matters regarding some on duty/off duty injuries, a litigation matter that is pending, security issues, and a personnel matter regarding the Chief's review. No decisions were made.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2023 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Ms. Quinn to accept the Minutes of January 11, 2023 as submitted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Lyon noted that 2 members of the public were in attendance via zoom. No comments from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CHIEFS REPORT

Grant

Chief Lyon reported that the Department received notification last month that it was awarded a lesser amount than requested in the application. Last week, PCCD notified the Department that it updated the line items on the grant application which resulted in a budget reduction. The Chief is awaiting clarification of those reductions.

Tyler RMS Project

Chief Lyon reported that the Department has fully transitioned over to the new operating system for reporting with the exception of criminal complaints, search warrants, and juvenile petitions. The Department is continuing to work toward getting IBR certification. Training continued in January and February which mainly focused on analytics and reporting along with e-citations.

Body Cams

The Body Cam Policy has been forwarded to the Monroe County Court and the District Attorney's Office. The Chief is waiting for any additional input on this policy. Once received, an Operations Committee meeting will be scheduled. It is anticipated that body cams will be deployed late March or early April 2023.

DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022

Motion made by Mr. Eppley, seconded by Mr. Brozusky, to table the January 2023 monthly report due to not being able to obtain accurate data due to the implementation of the new RMS system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Martinelli reported that Committees are assigned by the Chair and anyone wishing to change committees should contact him to do so. Ms. McCabe to be placed on the Operations Committee and Mr. Brozusky placed on the Capital Improvements Committee. Mr. Martinelli is replacing Ms. Wolbert on the Personnel Committee. Chief will update the Committees List.

Operations Committee

Will be scheduled soon to review Body Cam policy. Mr. Martinelli was going to place Mr. Baechtold on the Operations Committee. Due to Mr. Baechtold's absence, Mr. Martinelli will address it at the March Commission meeting.

Personnel

Mr. Eppley reported that the Personnel Committee met on 1/30/23 and 2/6/23 with the Chief to discuss the Chief's 2023 salary and milestones. It is the Personnel Committee's recommendation that the Chief's salary be increased to \$150,000 per year for 2023.

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Bond, to increase the Chief's salary to \$150,000 for 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Safety

Meeting held 2/7/2023. Mr. Staples reported that minor injuries and minor vehicle damage was discussed.

Police Pension Board

Quarterly meeting scheduled for 2/17/23.

Non-Uniform Pension Board

No report.

Budget/Finance

No report.

Negotiation Committee

No report.

SARPD Foundation

No report.

Solicitor

Motion made by Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to ratify the settlement of the Dales litigation in the amount of \$50,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Motion by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Mr. Kochanski to accept and pay the bills payable through February 8, 2023. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Promotions Process

Motion made by Ms. Kochanski seconded by Mr. Bond to authorize the Chief to institute the promotional process for Sergeants and Corporals for the purpose of creating a certified Promotions list.

DVP Towing

Motion made by Mr. Brozusky seconded by Mr. Bond to ratify the Chief’s removal of DVP Towing from the Departmentally approved towing list on 1/13/23 due to violations of the SARPD Towing Policy and the Performance, Release, and Indemnification Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Wanda Lasher stated that the ESYA is 50 years old this year and they are having their First Responders vs ESYA Coaches/Players game on March 10th, 2023 at ESHS. She requested the Department to distribute their flyers to other first responders as well as assist with the festivities marking the 50-year anniversary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Mr. Bond to adjourn to Executive, note time as 7:27 p.m. Motion made by Ms. Kochanski, seconded by Mr. Brozusky to end Executive Session. Mr. Prevoznik reported that the Executive Session began at 7:29 p.m. and ended at 7:39 p.m., the purpose of which was to discuss the Chief’s review with her. All members of the Commission were present except Mr. Baechtold. Mr. Staples participated via zoom. No decisions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tina Stewart rejoined the meeting via zoom at the conclusion of Executive Session. She wanted to state that she had technical difficulties before and to please let Ms. Lasher know she was interested in volunteering for her event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Brozusky, seconded by Mr. Bond to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.