



ALLEGHENY VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT



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March 14, 2023

MONTHLY POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Amy Kuhns, Vice Chairperson at 4:31 p.m. at the Cheswick Borough Building located at 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Amy Kuhns – Vice Chairperson
Robert Kristof – Commissioner
Brad Stanzione – Commissioner
Rick Stoneburner – Commissioner
Anthony Taliani, Jr. – Commissioner
Michael Naviglia – Chief of Police
Jaclyn M. Shaw, Esq. – Solicitor
Pamela Manning – Secretary/Treasurer

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Dan Carrol, Cheswick Mayor was present

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Monthly statistics provided to the Board by the Chief of Police: 190 Events – 6 Incidents, 4 Arrests, 4 Adult, 0 Juvenile, 6 Traffic Collisions, 8 Citations, and 45 EMS.

GENERAL OFFICE:

Motion by Commissioner Kristof to approve the February 14, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes, 2nd by Commissioner Stoneburner. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Kristof to approve the payment of bills presented for March, 2nd by Commissioner Taliani. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Kristof to authorize secretary to pay health insurance, 2nd by Commissioner Stanzione. Discussion by Commissioner Taliani that a motion is not needed as health insurances are ongoing monthly financial obligations that were approved previously.

Motion by Commissioner Kristof to amend the agenda to include the motion to accept nominations for an appointment to the vacant chairperson position, 2nd by Commissioner Stoneburner. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for Chairperson:

Commissioner Taliani nominated Rick Stoneburner
Accepted by Commissioner Stoneburner
Commissioner Kristof nominated Brad Yaksich
Declined by Commissioner Yaksich

Commissioner Kuhns nominated Rick Stoneburner

Commissioner Kristof nominated Rick Stoneburner

Discussion followed regarding terms of Chairperson and terms of Commissioners on the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Board. Solicitor Shaw reviewed the Charter and made a recommendation that the Charter be amended with a motion at the April 11, 2023 meeting regarding reorganization procedures; possibly reorganizing in April and then set a schedule of reorganizing each January in even years, to follow the municipalities schedule.

Nominations were closed.

Motion by Commissioner Taliani to appoint Rick Stoneburner as the new Chairperson of the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Commission, 2nd by Commissioner Kristof. Motion passed unanimously.

No motion necessary as Commissioner Kuhns remains as the Vice Chairperson of the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Commission.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione to accept financial reports as provided by the Secretary/Treasurer, 2nd by Commissioner Taliani. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione to appoint Commissioner Stoneburner as an authorized signer on financial accounts, 2nd by Commissioner Yaksich. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione to pass Resolution 2023-01 authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to open an account with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, 2nd by Commissioner Yaksich. Discussion followed with the Solicitor review of the Resolution as copied from sample from PLGIT. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione to move \$100,000.00 to the PLGIT account, 2nd by Commissioner Stoneburner. Discussion followed regarding the terms and rate of the account. Motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione to sell the 2014 Ford Taurus, 2nd by Commissioner Kristof. The Chief is to advertise the sale through Municibid. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion by Commissioner Kuhns regarding the updated standards through the Allegheny County Police Academy for agility testing for new officers. The Cooper Institute for Police Standards for testing is being accepted as it has been scientifically proven as acceptable to the position of a police officer. Upon review by Solicitor Shaw, the motion for approval will be on the April 11th meeting agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione to join the State's 1033 Program at a cost of \$500.00 per year, 2nd by Commissioner Stoneburner. Discussion followed with Chief regarding what is available to law enforcement through the Dept. of Defense. Commissioner will evaluate

after one year whether it is feasible to continue the membership of State 1033 program.
Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mahe/Duessel financial audit began on March 6th. Discussion regarding bank reconciliations, quickbook transactions and financial controls that have been initiated.

The 30-day net account is open with W.B. Mason.

SAM number for federal grants has been secured. The VIN number for new police car has been issued that will be purchased through federal grant funds.

The pension for the full-time officers is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kristof asked if the Board members' emails should be on the website. Following a discussion, it was decided to set up one email specifically for the Board that the Secretary would monitor and forward to Commissioners.

A letter was submitted to AFLAC request a refund of \$2,759.82 for the amount overpaid for two officers no longer with the department.

Jerich Insurance submitted a bid package for new year beginning July 1, 2023.

Received an official letter from PA Department of Revenue acknowledging that the police department is recognized under the Municipal Authorities Acts of 1935 and 1945.

The Bus Patrol Program has been set up to receive deposits and the first deposit should be received into the main checking account by the end of March.

Chief advised that the Department received a donation of ten tourniquets from Terry's Towing Service & C&G Holsters. A thank you letter to be sent acknowledging donation.

Donation of the former Springdale High School Band Trailer was received by the Department to be used as a command center and for community events. Iron City will pay to wrap the trailer and necessary alterations to interior.

Another tablet and two mounts were ordered.

Chief discussed the current wages and asked the Board to consider opening the police contract for increased wages out of concern that the current wages could result in loss of Officers considering that so many departments are in need to hire and at higher wages.

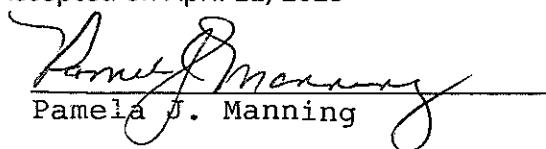
Cheswick Mayor Dan Carroll asked to speak. He stated that the police department should not be a revolving door and asked the Board to consider the request for higher wages.

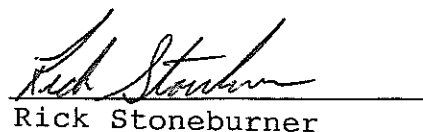
Executive Session scheduled for March 28, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cheswick Borough Building, 220 S. Atlantic Avenue, Cheswick, Pennsylvania

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Stanzione, 2nd by Commissioner Stoneburner. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST:
Accepted on April 11, 2023


Pamela J. Manning


Rick Stoneburner