

**NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JOINT POLICE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

**Township of Pine Community Center**

The meeting of the Northern Regional Police Department Joint Police Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman; Jason Bragunier.

Members attending in-person were Chairman; Jason Bragunier, Vice-Chairman; Pasquale D. Avoilo, George P. Allen, Raymond P. Kendrick, John A. Marshall, Anthony Jack Candek, Michael J. Dennehy, Jr., Edward Holdcroft and Victoria-Laird-Pongrace. Also in attendance were Chief John Sicilia, Captain Bryan DeWick, Treasurer Jan Kowalski, Jason Kratsas, Detective Scott Rick, Mayor; Douglas Marsico and Rich Miller.

Prior to the regular meeting, there was recognition of retirement for Officer, Timothy Spontak who was presented with his retirement badge after 31 years of dedicated service, effective August 4, 2021.

Presentation from Detective Scott Rick on his duties with the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force.

Detective Scott Rick entertained questions.

Raymond P. Kendrick questioned on the jump in identity theft calls on the Calls for Service Report totals.

Chief Sicilia explained that there has been a possible data breach nationwide and also fictitious unemployment claims.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Victoria Laird-Pongrace, seconded by George P. Allen, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting. The aye vote was unanimous with John A. Marshall abstaining. Motion carried, with corrections to be made on the July 28, 2021 minutes under New Business of deleting the first four paragraphs and under Other Business where it was left blank, it should read the word None.

**Chief's Report**

Chief Sicilia entertained questions concerning his written report.

Captain Bryan DeWick briefed the board on the following:

August 7, 2021 – Detective Ricks' FBI Task Force handled the bank robbery from Middlesex Township that came into Richland Township. Arrest was made.

August 15, 2021 – A reported forcible rape at Jergel's parking lot.

August 19, 2021 - A gun stolen at Bobby Rahal's.

This past weekend - An incident at Pine-Richland High School of a former student harassing students.

August 14, 2021 - Richland Community Days.

The week of the August 16, 2021 – Department tactical shoot. Range officers had the entire department there for a week on the range for training.

Motion was made by Raymond P. Kendrick, seconded by Michael J. Dennehy, Jr. to approve the Chief's Report as presented. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Jan Kowalski entertained questions concerning the July 2021 Financial Statement.

Motion was made by Raymond P. Kendrick, seconded by Pasquale D. Avoilo, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2021. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Comments from Police Board Members**

None.

### **Old Business**

Chairman; Jason Bragunier and Victoria Laird-Pongrace discussed the need to finalize the Finance Committees list.

Discussion of Change Order regarding the fire suppression system in the locker room.

Chief Sicilia said the locker room project is over the general contractor came in with the final punch list. The architect will be in on Monday.

The existing component for the fire suppression system was not enough. A balance of \$4,003.26 is due. Plus roof damage to the Township of Pine building of \$700.00 from punctures one of the contractors made in the roof for a total of \$4,703.26 is due.

A motion by Victoria Laird-Pongrace, seconded by John A. Marshall, to pay the balance due of \$4,703.26 for the additional cost of the fire suppression system for \$4,003.26 plus the roof repair damage to the Township of Pine Building of \$700.00 to be paid out the of Locker Room Project Fund. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Chief Sicilia pulled out the discussion of "Service Policy" with Township of Pine because of Township of Pine Manager, Jason Kratsas not having time to review it as well as the entire Pine Board.

### **New Business**

Rich Miller said arbitration was awarded and can be released to the public but still would need to be discussed in Executive Session.

### **Any Other Business**

None.

### **Correspondence**

Nine letters of thanks were acknowledged.

**A motion was made at 7:50 P.M. by John A. Marshall, seconded by Michael J. Dennehy, Jr., to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made at 9:40 P.M. by John A. Marshall, seconded by George P. Allen, to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made at 9:41 P.M. by John A. Marshall, seconded by George P. Allen, to adjourn the regular meeting. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dawn J. Miller**