

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

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Township of Pine Community Center**

The meeting of the Northern Regional Police Department Joint Police Board was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman, Pasquale D. Avolio.

Members in attendance were Chairman; Pasquale D. Avolio, Vice-Chair; Victoria Laird-Pongrace, George Allen, John Marshall, Raymond Kendrick, Jack Candek, Jason Bragunier, Casey White and Ryan Colombo. Also in attendance were Chief John Sicilia, Captain Bryan DeWick and Treasurer Jan Kowalski.

Loyalty Oath administered to new Officer Justin Welling

Pasquale Avolio swore in Justin Welling as an Officer for the Northern Regional Police Department.

Approval of Minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting

Motion was made by Raymond Kendrick, seconded by Jack Candek to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022. The aye vote was unanimous with George Allen, Victoria Laird-Pongrace and John Marshall abstaining. Motion carried.

Chief's Reports

Discussion took place. Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to approve Chief Sicilia's February report. Ryan Colombo made a motion to approve, seconded by Casey White. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports

Jan Kowalski provided a financial update on the February Treasurer's report. Discussion took place.

Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report for February 2022. Raymond Kendrick made a motion to approve, seconded by John Marshall. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Comments from Police Board Members – John Marshall commented that he appreciated speeding complaints being addressed and the amount of visibility officers provided.

Old Business

1. **Update on Police Board Solicitor and Labor Counsel Proposals Received – Discussion of Next Steps.** - Chief Sicilia indicated that the following law firms submitted proposals:
 - Campbell Durrant, P.C.- Proposal for Solicitor and Labor Council
 - Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C.- Proposal for Solicitor and Labor Council
 - Babst Calland Clements & Zomnir, P.C.- Proposal for Labor Counsel only

Chief Sicilia suggested representatives from each law firm attend the April board meeting to be interviewed by the Board members.

Discussion took place. Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to interview representatives from the law firms Campbell Durrant and Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney. Casey White made a motion to approve, seconded by John Marshall. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Update on Agreement to Provide Administrative Services between NRPD and Township of Pine (pending review by the Chief of Police and Managers). – Chief Sicilia indicated he and the Managers would like to table discussions of Old Business items 2 and 3 until a Solicitor and Labor Council are appointed. George Allen motioned to table Old Business items 2 and 3, seconded by John Marshall. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
3. Update on Agreement to Provide Administrative Services between NRPD Pension Trust Committee and Township of Pine (pending review by the Chief of Police and Managers). – George Allen motioned to table Old Business items 2 and 3, seconded by John Marshall. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
4. Continuation of discussion of the Formation of an Ad-hoc Strategic Review Committee to explore the varying needs of the constituent communities. – Discussion ensued. Item will remain under Old Business for future discussion.

New Business

1. Consideration of Resolution 2022-2 “Heart and Lung Act Policy”. – Chief Sicilia stated that Resolution 2022-2 “Heart and Lung Act Policy” was reviewed and approved by attorney Julie Aquino. Discussion ensued.

Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to table Resolution 2022-2 “Heart and Lung Act Policy”. George Allen motioned to table, seconded by Victoria Laird-Pongrace. Motion rescinded.

George Allen made motion to approve Resolution 2022-2 “Heart and Lung Act Policy” with amendments providing the definition of the HLA panel, a Request form for HLA and a Termination of HLA Benefits form, seconded by John Marshall. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Resolution 2022-3 “Restatement of Non-Uniform Pension Plan”. – Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to approve Resolution 2022-3 “Restatement of Non-Uniform Pension Plan”. Ryan Colombo motioned to approve, seconded by Casey White. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Any Other Business – None.

Correspondence – None.

Executive Session

Chairman Avolio requested a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. Motion made by John Marshall, seconded by George Allen. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Victoria Laird-Pongrace made a motion to return to public session at 8:26 P.M., seconded by George Allen. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment

John Marshall made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 P.M., seconded by George Allen. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norma Ann M. McMichael". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Norma Ann M. McMichael

Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police, John A. Sicilia

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