

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

Wednesday, October 27, 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, Jason Kratsas, Douglas Marsico, and labor attorney Julie Aquino who left after the executive session.

A motion was made by Pat Avoilo, seconded by Edward Holdcroft to enter into executive session at 7:01 P.M. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michael J. Dennehy Jr., seconded by Raymond P. Kendrick to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:28 P.M. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by George Allen, seconded by Michael J. Dennehy Jr., to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting. Raymond Kendrick asked for Chief Sicilia to have a meeting with Dean Bastianini regarding the increase of calls to Richland Township. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chief Sicilia entertained questions concerning his written report.

Captain Bryan DeWick briefed the board on the following:

October 10, 2021 – Fatal quad accident on the Pine/Richland Township boarder.

The DA's office looked into charges for a third time for a Juvenile Investigation/Sex Assault that happened in 2019.

October 23, 2021 – Aggravated Assault with a gun at Napa Prime.

Six Officers were recognized at the Amen Corner Luncheon for an incident that happened in the Township of Pine in 2020.

Detectives investigated 10 gun cases and five child-line reports in the month of September 2021.

Raymond P. Kendrick asked if insurance companies have responsibility to pay for clean-up to the townships or police department after accidents. Chief Sicilia stated he could look into that.

John Marshall asked how the line painting was going. He stated a resident told him that they saw a picked up presence on Grandview Drive.

Raymond Kendrick mentioned that part of Dickey Road will be paved by Shields Paving with anti-skid after the last head on collision.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Jan Kowalski was not in attendance for the October 2021 meeting. Chief Sicilia updated the board on the construction project and Treasurer's Report.

Motion was made by Michael J. Dennehy Jr., seconded by Anthony Jack Candek, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2021. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Comments from Police Board Members

Raymond Kendrick asked Chief Sicilia, if he gets reports from SRO officer. Chief Sicilia stated yes. Chief Sicilia also stated that he would like to bring in Sergeant Blough to speak to the board regarding accident reconstruction.

Old Business

The board discussed the Finance Committee responsibilities.

A motion was made to table the Finance Committee responsibilities until 2022 by Victoria Laird-Pongrace, seconded by Raymond P. Kendrick. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business

A motion to approve the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement between NRPD Police Board and the NRPD Police Officer's Association was made by Raymond P. Kendrick, seconded by Anthony Jack Candek. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Mockenhaupt Actuarial Valuation Report for the Northern Regional Police Pension Trust as of January 1, 2021.

The board discussed authorizing Chief Sicilia to explore available grants for procuring police equipment.

A motion was made by Victoria Laird-Pongrace, seconded by Michael J. Dennehy Jr. to authorize the Chief of Police to explore available grants to procure police equipment. The aye vote was unanimous.

The board discussed ordering six police vehicles from lowest bidder McCandless Ford. Pat Avolio asked if the logos would be changed. Chief Sicilia confirmed they are looking into changing the look of the police cars.

A motion was made by Michael J. Dennehy Jr., seconded by Pat Avolio to authorize the ordering of six police vehicles budgeted, but not paid until delivery in 2022. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Victoria Laird-Pongrace, seconded by Pat Avolio to table the approval of the Agreement to Provide Administrative Services between NRPD and Township of Pine. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Any Other Business

Chief Sicilia discussed a letter of conditional employment with the board regarding a candidate from Fairfax, Va.

A motion was made by Pat Avolio, seconded by Anthony Jack Candek to send a "Letter of Conditional Employment" to include MOPTEC Certification, successful completion of polygraph, updated background check, and board approval to Justin Wellings. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Three letters of gratitude and one letter of recognition were acknowledged.

A motion was made at 8:19 P.M. by Michael J. Dennehy Jr., seconded by George P. Allen to adjourn the regular meeting. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Zelina