

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

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Township of Pine Community Center**

The meeting of the Northern Regional Police Department Joint Police Board was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman, Pasquale D. Avolio.

Members in attendance were Chairman; Pasquale D. Avolio, Vice-Chair; Victoria Laird-Pongrace, George Allen, Richland Alternate Donna Snyder, Raymond Kendrick, Jack Candek, Jason Bragunier, and Casey White. Ryan Colombo attended the meeting virtually. Also in attendance were Chief John Sicilia, Captain Bryan DeWick, Treasurer Jan Kowalski, and Solicitor Julie Aquino. John Marshall was not in attendance.

Recognition of Officer Vincent Tedesco who will be retiring on Friday, September 30, 2022

Prior to presenting Officer Tedesco with his retirement badge, Chief Sicilia spoke at length regarding Officer Tedesco's over 28-year tenure with the Northern Regional Police Department. Chief Sicilia described how valuable Officer Tedesco was to the NRPD and how beloved he is by community members throughout the four townships he served, specifically highlighting Officer Tedesco's work with the various elementary schools under the NRPD's jurisdiction.

Officer Ryan Olszewski presented Officer Tedesco with a commemorative plaque on behalf of the Northern Regional Police Officers Association as a token of appreciation for Officer Tedesco's many years of service, mentoring, and friendship.

Officer Tedesco thanked all the Officers present at the meeting and specifically recognized his wife, daughter, son, and daughter-in-law for their love and support during his time serving as an officer with the NRPD.

Executive Session- Personnel

Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:19 P.M. Motion was made by Casey White, seconded by George Allen.

Victoria Laird-Pongrace made a motion to return to public session at 7:34 P.M., seconded by George Allen.

Comments from the Public – None.

Approval of Minutes from the August 24, 2022 meeting

Motion was made by Casey White, seconded by Jack Candek, to approve the minutes of August 24, 2022. Pasquale Avolio, George Allen, Raymond Kendrick, Jack Candek, Jason Bragunier, Casey White, and Ryan Colombo responded yes. Victoria Laird-Pongrace and Donna Snyder abstained. Motion carried.

Chief's Reports

Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to approve Chief Sicilia's August report. Jason Bragunier made a motion to approve, seconded by George Allen. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports

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

Comments from Police Board Members – None.

Old Business– None.

New Business

1. Motion to grant Honorable Discharge to Officer #22835 effective October 10, 2022.- Pasquale Avolio requested a motion to grant Officer #22835 the requested Honorable Discharge. Raymond Kendrick made a motion to approve, seconded by Victoria Laird-Pongrace. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the NRPD Uniform Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2023 Municipal Budget. – Discussion took place. Pasquale Avolio requested a motion for approval. George Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Raymond Kendrick. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the NRPD Non-Uniform Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2023 Municipal Budget. - Pasquale Avolio requested a motion for approval. Raymond Kendrick made a motion to approve, seconded by George Allen. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
4. Motion to accept donation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Officer Brian Shaw Foundation to purchase and train a K-9 from Shallow Creek Kennels. – Discussion took place. Pasquale Avolio requested a motion for approval. Victoria Laird-Pongrace made a motion to approve, seconded by Casey White. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve the return of \$200,000 attributable to the 2021 operating surplus to each municipality based on the 2021 contribution ratio. The October 2022 municipal contributions will be reduced as follows:
 - Pine: \$74,260
 - Marshall: \$54,040
 - Bradford Woods: \$8,000
 - Richland: \$63,700

Discussion took place. Pasquale Avolio requested a motion for approval. Raymond Kendrick made a motion to approve, seconded by Casey White. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

6. Update on the 2023 Budget. –Discussion ensued. Further details regarding 2023 Budget will be presented at the October 26, 2022, Board Meeting.

Any Other Business – Discussion ensued. Pasquale Avolio suggested to halt the current discussion and move into an additional Executive Session following the public session of the Board Meeting.

Correspondence – None.

2nd Executive Session-Personnel

Chairman Avolio requested a motion to enter an additional Executive Session at 8:27 P.M. Motion was made by Jason Bragunier, seconded by Casey White. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

George Allen made a motion to return to public session at 9:05 P.M., seconded by Casey White. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment

George Allen made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 P.M., seconded by Jason Bragunier. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Norma Ann M. McMichael

Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police, John A. Sicilia

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