MINUTES OF MEETING FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE BOARD FEBRUARY 24, 2025 PINE COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (5:00 PM.)

Chair Jason Bragunier called this Northern Regional Police Board meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Dan Dimond, Donna Snyder, John Marshall, Raymond Kendrick, Jack Candek, Jason Bragunier, Pat Avolio, Ryan Colombo, and Casey White. Also in attendance were Chief Bryan DeWick, Captains Jeff Jones and Matt Blough and Solicitor Jonathan Whalen.

There were five members of the public present.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

The motion was made by Ryan Colombo and seconded by Donna Snyder to approve the Board meeting minutes from January 22, 2025. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

CHIEF REPORT

Chief DeWick presented his report.

The motion was made by Ray Kendrick and seconded by Dan Dimond to approve the Chief's report for January 2025. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Donna Snyder presented the Treasurer's report.

The motion was made by Jack Candek and seconded by Dan Dimond to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2025. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Avolio introduced Pine Township's new Public Safety Director, Bruce Hezlep.

OLD BUSINESS

An update was given on the new station project. Chief DeWick advised the Police Board that the Feasibility Study by Buchart Horn Architects was underway. The Police Board was also provided with a land lease presented by St. Barnabas for a potential building site behind the current NRPD station.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION TO FORM AN NRPD NEW STATION CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The motion was made by Pat Avolio and seconded by Ryan Colombo to assign the following individuals to the committee:

• George Anderson (Richland Township)

- Julie Bastianini (Marshall Township)
- Bruce Hezlep (Pine Township)
- Rusti Null (Bradford Woods Borough)
- Bryan DeWick (Northern Regional Police, Chair)

It was noted during the discussion that his committee has no authority to make approvals. Any matters requiring a vote would need to come before the NRPD Police Board. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

GAMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOURISM FUND GRANT

The motion was made by Donna Snyder and seconded by Pat Avolio to accept the GEDTFG grant award to NRPD in the amount of \$236,000 for the purchase of a driving simulator to support the NRPD Safe Driving Program. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

NRPD FINANCIAL THE EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

The determination was made to move this discussion to the executive session due to personnel and compensation matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

No comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Donna Snyder and seconded by Dan Dimond to adjourn into executive session. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried. The time is 5:23 PM.

The motion was made by Donna Snyder and seconded by Jack Candek to adjourn the executive session. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The time is 5:43 PM.

The motion was made by Dan Dimond and seconded by Casey White to authorize the Chief of Police to begin the hiring process for a new NRPD Financial and Executive Operations Assistant with a minimum salary of \$55,000, commensurate with experience and full benefits. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Dan Dimond and seconded by Pat Avolio. The vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

ng Secretary – Temporary

Chief Bryan DeWick