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**MINUTES OF MEETING FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE BOARD**

**July 23, 2025**

**PINE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER (7:20 PM)**

Acting Chairman Pat Avolio called this Northern Regional Police Board meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Members in attendance: John Marshall, Raymond Kendrick, Donna Snyder, Dan Dimond, Pat Avolio, Marshall Alternate Jay Tracy, Jack Candek, Ryan Colombo, Casey White. Also in attendance were Captain Jeff Jones, Captain Matt Blough, and Solicitor Jonathan Whalen. Chairman Jason Bragunier and Chief Bryan DeWick were not in attendance.

There were three members of the public present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

The motion was made by Casey White and seconded by Dan Dimond to approve the Board meeting minutes from June 25, 2025. Jay Tracy and John Marshall abstained from the vote. Motion carried with seven aye votes.

**REPORTS**

**CHIEF REPORT**

Captain Jeff Jones presented Chief DeWick's report in his absence. No additional comments were made.

The motion was made by Raymond Kendrick and seconded by Donna Snyder to approve the Chief's report for June 2025. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Donna Snyder presented the Treasurer's report. No additional comments were made.

The motion was made by Raymond Kendrick and seconded by John Marshall to approve the Treasurer's report for June 2025. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **COMMENTS FROM POLICE BOARD MEMBERS**

No public comments were made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION ON JULY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Captain Jones summarized that the committee members decided to take back the information from the July Building Committee meeting to their home boards. They would then make their recommendations regarding whether to initiate new construction or assume control of the current Pine Township building.

### **DISCUSSION ON LEASE AND PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

Captain Jones mentioned that Dornish Law Offices had reviewed the Ground Lease Agreement with St. Barnabas Land Trust, Inc, and that St. Barnabas had agreed to convey the land to Northern Regional Police Department at the 15-year mark. It was noted that the Building Committee questioned and asked for a definition on the term "convey," which Dornish Law Office will be working to resolve with St. Barnabas. Captain Jones questioned if the Board was willing to take action on the lease agreement with the stipulation that this conveyance concern is clarified. Police board member Ryan Colombo commented that he'd like to see the final lease before motioning its approval.

Discussion ensued regarding membership of Building Committee meetings and who could attend. Solicitor Jonathan Whalen stated that any meeting with more than four total attendees, or more than three from a respective board, must be publicly advertised. Several Police board members addressed their concerns regarding the position of Steven Victor of Victor-Wetzel Associates as an independent voice for the committee and the number of attendees that were permitted. Board members were interested to know how Steven Victor was introduced to the Police Department. Captain Jones advised that Mr. Victor was invited as Chief DeWick's guest.

Pine Township Supervisor Jack Donahue approached the podium to address Chief DeWick's previous invitation to him to attend a Building Committee meeting and his wishes to officially be on the Building Committee. He mentioned that the Chief stated the consultants' services were free of charge and questioned whether consultants should be present for confidential information or if there was a conflict of interest with Mr. Victor. Solicitor Jonathan Whalen asked if committees have any decision-making ability and the Police Board responded that they do not. Captain Jones asked for confirmation that the Chief was to correspond solely with the original four designated municipal representatives named on the Building Committee. The Board advised that they were not making any changes to the membership of the Building Committee, however, the meetings are open to anyone available to attend. The Police Board also wanted clarification if Steve Victor was going to be a potential conflict of interest before including him in further Building Committee meetings. Acting Chairman Pat Avolio remarked that Chief Bryan DeWick should be in attendance for this discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MOTION TO RATIFY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT BOARD AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 249**

Captain Jones presented a copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Solicitor Jonathan Whalen confirmed that Chairman Jason Bragunier should sign the agreement at a future date, but it could be ratified in his absence. Pat Avolio communicated his concern with delaying signature and clarified that he had signature ability in Chairman Bragunier's absence. Captain Jones agreed and stated that it was

needed for actuarial purposes, reassuring the Board that no major changes to the agreement would occur. Jonathan Whalen recommended that the CBA be ratified without signature at this meeting and indicated that he would forward over the agreement for Jason Bragunier's signature upon completion.

The motion was made by John Marshall and seconded by Raymond Kendrick to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the NRPD board and Teamsters Local No. 249. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### MOTION TO HIRE NEW OFFICERS

The motion was made by John Marshall and seconded by Ryan Colombo to authorize the hiring of the following two officers: Katrina Kuhl and Evan Gazda, effective August 11, 2025, along with Chris Fick, pending successful passing of his MPOETC exam on July 24, 2025. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Captain Jones commented on the monthly police board packets and shared that they would be available through the SharePoint site moving forward.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The time was 8:00 PM.

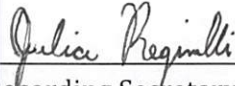
The motion was made by John Marshall and seconded by Donna Snyder to adjourn the executive session. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.


The time was 8:02 PM.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was made by John Marshall and seconded by Ryan Colombo. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

  
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Recording Secretary – Julia Reginelli

  
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Chief Bryan DeWick