

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

**NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

**PINE COMMUNITY CENTER**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER (7:00 PM)**

Chairman Jason Bragunier called this Northern Regional Police Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

Members in attendance: John Marshall, Raymond Kendrick, Richland Alternate Ann Miller, Jason Bragunier, J. Tracy, Pat Avolio, Ryan Colombo, and Pine Alternate Jack Donahue. Also in attendance were Chief Bryan DeWick, Captains Jeff Jones and Matt Blough, and Solicitor Jonathan Whalen.

There were six members of the public present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

### **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

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

### **REPORTS**

#### **CHIEF REPORT**

Chief DeWick presented his report. No additional comments were made.

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

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Finance Director Ronata Lavorini presented the Treasurer's report. No additional comments were made.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM POLICE BOARD MEMBERS**

Board member Pat Avolio asked for an update on the NRPD's recruiting process. Captain Blough replied that they were down to six potential candidates after disqualifications but before interviews. Chief DeWick added that one sergeant would be responsible for recruitment and retention, and that the department planned on testing again in March 2026 following the December 2025 Police Academy graduation. Chief DeWick and Captain Blough agreed that recruitment numbers were down on a larger scale, but there were a few potential candidates who appeared promising.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### UPDATE ON BUILDING PROJECT, LEASE, AND PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Jason Bragunier announced that the municipal managers had sent an email with their discussion updates to the Police Board that morning, and suggested the discussion be tabled. Chief DeWick remarked that Buchart Horn Architects had also met with the municipal managers and that he would elaborate on the first new business agenda item.

The motion was made by John Marshall and seconded by Ryan Colombo to table the building project, lease, and proposed agreement. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### MOTION TO APPROVE PHASE 1: PROGRAMMING AND CONCEPT DESIGN, AND PHASE 2: SCHEMATIC DESIGN, OF BHA PROPOSAL NO.36067

Chief DeWick presented BHA Proposal No.36067 to the Police Board, stating that the project had been drafted entirely with the municipal managers' input and was designed to be approved in phases. Chairman Bragunier expressed his concern that he'd like to see commitment from the municipal managers to fund this renovation project and questioned if it was truly a Police Board matter.

Pine Township Manager Jason Kratsas addressed the board and announced that the NRPD and municipal managers reached an agreement to renovate the existing township building to standards comparable to those outlined in new building discussions. Jason Kratsas also added that the downstairs area and parking situation could be included in these renovations. Chairman Bragunier asked if there was a budget they could present to the municipalities, and board member Ryan Colombo commented that we could not see the full project in its entirety without commencing phases 1 and 2 of the BHA Proposal.

A discussion ensued regarding whether to bring the BHA proposal back to the municipalities or move forward with a motion. Jason Kratsas affirmed that Pine Township was on board due to the new proposal's cost efficiency, and Chief DeWick confirmed that everyone pertinent to the discussion was present. Chairman Bragunier and board member Pat Avolio expressed their concerns with specific cost outlines, expertise, and ownership of the renovated building if BHA proposal phases 1 and 2 were to be approved. Chief DeWick responded that BHA had outlined project costs already, and Jason Kratsas replied that the four municipal managers had already addressed ownership concerns.

Richland Township Manager Brian O'Malley approached the podium and summarized that the Building Committee members and municipal managers were in agreement, enough board members had been spoken to, and that they had made significant progress in recent discussions.

The motion was therefore made by Ray Kendrick and seconded by John Marshall to approve Phase 1: Programming and Concept Design, and Phase 2: Schematic Design, of BHA Proposal No.36067. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-6 "LSA Statewide Grant"

Captain Jones presented the resolution for approval. He clarified that the NRPD intended to seek grant funding to replace their outdated side-by-side with a new all-terrain UTV. Captain Jones stated that the funds would allow the department better access to the trails, school events, and eliminate fire department involvement in search and rescue. Chairman Bragunier asked if we had the means to transport the vehicle, and Chief DeWick answered that we did, but it was also suitable for the road. Chief Jones confirmed that the school district approved of the request, and the board acknowledged the letter of Congressional support.

The motion was made by Ryan Colombo and seconded by John Marshall to approve Resolution 2025-6 "LSA Statewide Grant." The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### MOTION TO SET DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2026 POLICE BOARD MEETINGS

- Meetings to be scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month, excluding November and December meetings, which will be held on November 19, 2026, and December 17, 2026.

Chief DeWick stated that one municipal manager had requested to rotate future Police Board meetings to each municipality. He stated that future Police Board meeting locations would be included on the agenda and in the schedule to come.

The motion was made by Raymond Kendrick and seconded by John Marshall to set dates and rotate locations for 2026 police board meetings. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

#### MOTION TO APPROVE 2026 NRPD LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF PINE

Chief DeWick presented the one-year lease agreement, mentioning that rent would increase by 3% in 2026. The motion was made by Pat Avolio and seconded by John Marshall to approve and sign the 2026 lease agreement between Northern Regional Police Department and the Township of Pine. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.


#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Police Board agreed to cancel the executive session listed on the agenda. No additional comments were made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

  
Recording Secretary – Julia Reginelli

  
Chief Bryan DeWick