

MEETING MINUTES

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY (ATPA) BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2021

Virtual Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Undersheriff Daniel Pfannes, Chair
Lt. Col. Chris Kelenske
Chief Curtis Caid
Ms. Lori Davis
Mr. Gene Adamczyk
Mr. Bill Patterson
Mr. Mike Thompson

ATPA STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tim Bailor, Program Coordinator
Ms. Sandy Long, Financial Specialist
Mr. Matt Helmkamp, Auto Theft Analyst

VISITORS PRESENT:

Insp. Mike Johnson, MSP, Grants and Community Services Division
Ms. Nancy Becker Bennett, MSP, Grants and Community Services Division

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting of the ATPA Board of Directors was called to order by Undersheriff Daniel Pfannes at 1:30 p.m.

2. READING OF THE ANTI-TRUST STATEMENT

Chief Caid read the anti-trust statement.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 27, 2020, Board Meeting

After confirming there were no comments regarding the August 27, 2020, minutes, Undersheriff Pfannes requested a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Adamczyk seconded the motion. Undersheriff Pfannes called for a vote and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Undersheriff Pfannes inquired if anyone had additions to the agenda. No additions were requested .

5. ATPA BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Long gave the update on the fiscal year (FY) 2020 ATPA budget. The final carry forward balance going into FY 2020 is \$3,518,545. She provided a budget handout which included a detailed breakdown showing projected revenue and expenditures for FY 2021. The board discussed having the annual conference and moving it to September. The board asked the staff to look into possibilities of being able to do the conference under the time restrictions and discuss findings at the May meeting.

Following a brief conversation regarding having staff look into the possibilities of having a conference in FY 2021, Chief Caid moved to approve having staff look into the possibilities of having a conference and Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Undersheriff Pfannes called for a vote and the above was unanimously approved.

Following a brief conversation, there were no comments regarding the budget. Undersheriff Pfannes asked for a motion to accept the current budget as presented. Chief Caid moved to approve the budget as presented and Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Undersheriff Pfannes called for a vote and the current budget was unanimously approved.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Owner Apathy Survey: Mr. Helmkamp updated the board on an auto-theft survey that had been conducted by the ATPA, with the assistance of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators. Based on information provided by the respondents, owner apathy plays a significant role in relation to vehicle thefts.

Letter to the Attorney General (AG): Undersheriff Pfannes provided a copy of the AG's opinion to all board members for their review. The determination of the AG is that the position of the ATPA Executive Director is a civil service position. The board discussed not needing another employee within the ATPA, as work is being done by current employees. Lt. Colonel Kelenske will get information from Human Resources on options for promoting current employees and information on what can be done within the limitations of state civil service rules. When this information is received, the board would like a meeting to discuss the options and make a decision as quickly as possible.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Equipment Purchase for Auto Theft Teams: Mr. Helmkamp explained to the board that, in a meeting with the ATPA funded auto theft teams, he asked if there was anything they required that would help them obtain needed equipment. Different items were presented to the board and after a brief discussion the board decided it would be easiest if they authorized \$200,000 without a match requirement as a limit to be spent on equipment in this current fiscal year. The board has requested to see metrics from the purchases made by the teams.

Undersheriff Pfannes asked for a motion to approve the \$200,000 limit for auto theft equipment purchases. Chief Caid moved to approve the budget for equipment and Mr. Adamczyk seconded the motion. Undersheriff Pfannes called for a vote and budget for equipment was unanimously approved.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

9. NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.
Michigan State Police Headquarters

ADJOURNMENT

Undersheriff Pfannes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Adamczyk moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Undersheriff Pfannes called for a vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Undersheriff Pfannes adjourned meeting at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Insp. Mike Johnson, ATPA Executive Director (Acting)