

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2020

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on September 23, 2020. The meeting was held as a video/call in conference meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present:	James Miller	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	David Collingwood	Commissioner
	Rodney Blake	Chief of Police
	John Rice, Esq.	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager

Members in the video conference that were identified were Dave Nyman (East Rockhill Township Supervisor) and news reporter Bob Keeler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Miller with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment #1:

There was none.

Announcements:

Mr. Miller announced that after the meeting an Executive Session will be held to discuss litigation.

Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the financial report dated September 23, 2020. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$80,191.30 the total operational account balance equals \$226,205.58. The capital reserve account funds total \$150,360.15. Mr. Collingwood asked if the new car was in service and if the new camera was going in this car. Chief Blake explained the new car has been delivered and is being outfitted with equipment. The car being replaced is a 2017 Ford Explorer that will be placed on Municibid as soon as the equipment is transferred. Chief Blake added that the new camera will be placed in this car.

It should be noted that the department was requiring only 1 authorized signature on the checks issued by the department instead of the normal 2 signature requirement. This was approved by QNB and was requested due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of Bills List dated September 23, 2020 totaling \$80,191.30 and the Financial Report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the monthly report indicating Department activities for the month of August, 2020.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve the Chief's Report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitors Report: John Rice, Esq.

Mr. Rice advised that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss litigation.

Old Business

Chief Blake presented the 3rd review of the 2021 proposed police budget. Chief Blake stated that the Minimum Municipal Obligation paperwork was completed and that the increase is highlighted in the new budget. The increase was discussed and Mr. Nyman suggested that \$50,000.00 be taken from the Capital Reserve fund to help both municipalities defray the increased costs. This action was discussed among the Board.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve the 2021 Police Budget as presented, including a revenue transfer of \$50,000 from the Capital Reserve account. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

New Business

Chief Blake advised the board of the current MMO Worksheet that was completed for the Uniform and Non-Uniform employees. Chief Blake added that for the year 2021 there was no Actuarial Surplus given and therefore the MMO for the uniform pension is \$115,143.00. Chief Blake advised that the Board acknowledge the MMO Worksheets as presented.

Chief Blake advised that the 2019 Audit was completed and that copies were given to Township Managers, Mr. Rice and Tom Klee at Quakertown National Bank.

Citizen Comment #2:


News reporter Bob Keeler asked about the \$50,000 coming from the Capital Reserve. It was explained that it would be revenue coming into the budget.

Dave Nyman advised that he wanted to recognized the Police Commission and thanked them for their leadership.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Rodney Blake,
Chief of Police