

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2021**

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on November 18, 2021 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:	James Miller	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	Paul T. Dickinson Jr.	Chief
	Matt Hoover	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Jim Nietupski	East Rockhill Supervisor
	Bob Keeler	News Herald

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

**Citizen Comment #1**

There were none

**Announcements**

There were none.

**Approval of Minutes from October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Volovnik to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commissions' October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Financial Report: Chief Dickinson**

Chief Dickinson read the financial report dated November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$42,645.24 the total operational account balances equal \$444,435.23. The cash reserve account funds total \$170,905.88.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve payment of the Bills List dated November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 totaling \$42,645.24. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Chief's Report: Chief Dickinson**

Mr. Miller waived the reading of the monthly report, due to all in attendance already hearing the report.

**Solicitors Report: Matt Hoover, Esq.**

Mr. Hoover reported and presented the memorandum of agreement between the PRPC and the Police Benevolent Association regarding a 28 day rotation and the scheduling of Kelly Days.

On Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve and adopt the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to 28 day rotation and the scheduling of Kelly days. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor

### Old Business:

Update 77-10: Chief Dickinson advised the commission that the new car was to be placed into service on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Update on Rt. 313 and Three Mile Run Road: Chief Dickinson relayed to the commission the results of the speed study which indicated no speeding issues were found and further suggested that the crashes were a result of drivers not stopping for the posted stop signs. Discussion was had about adding signage and roadway markings but that this most likely could not be done until Spring due to change in the weather.

Mr. Miller inquired about the status of the PMRS Pension plan situation and Chief Dickinson responded that he was his understanding that the situation was resolved. Mr. Miller thanked the Chief for the update.

### New Business

Discussion was held regarding meeting dates for 2022. The dates are on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception November and December. Scheduled dates are as follows:

- **Jan 26th, Feb. 23rd , March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th, Aug. 24th , Sept. 28th, Oct. 26th, Nov. 17th,\* Dec. 15th\***

**On motion** by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve to approve the meeting dates for 2022 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief Dickinson presented the need to replace the mother board for the keyless entry system for the building. The expense to replace the system is \$3,719.00 and was discussed at the meeting due to being an unbudgeted expense. Also, Chief Dickinson mentioned that this could be an indication of other systems within the building reaching the end of their service lives.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the purchase of the mother board in the amount of \$3,719.00 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief Dickinson presented a memorandum discussing the purchase of 15 new Taser 7 for the department. In the memorandum the Chief explains that he has found the current Taser's to be reaching the end of their service lives and the technology to be dated. He also expressed that a current program offered by Axon the parent company of Taser allows for the large purchase to be spread out over five years. The yearly cost will be \$10,039.50 but provides the department with no out-of-pocket expenses. Chief Dickinson expressed that importance of each officer having their own Taser and also the need for the updates in equipment.

Ofc. Ruiz, DT/Taser instructor for the department agreed with the Chief and also expressed the need for updated equipment. He did also express that the longer the department waited upgrade the less value the current Taser's would receive in trade in value.

Mr. Volovnik expressed the need for our officers to have the most up to date equipment and believed that the purchase should be made out of this years budget if at all possible. Mr. Miller agreed.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the purchase of 15 new Taser 7s with the cost spread out over a five year period as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

A letter of appreciation was read for Ofc. Ruiz for his participation in the Miles Jones trial from ADA Megan Hunsicker. Chief Dickinson echoed the strong work that Ofc. Ruiz had exhibited during the prosecution of the case.

**Citizen Comment #2:**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police