

## **Pennridge Regional Police Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 26, 2023**

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 5:00pm on April 26, 2023 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

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| Present: | Jay Keyser            | Commissioner                   |
|          | Hal Schirmer          | Commissioner                   |
|          | Gary Volovnik         | Commissioner                   |
|          | Paul T. Dickinson Jr. | Chief                          |
|          | Matt Hoover, Esq.     | Solicitor                      |
|          | Marianne Morano       | East Rockhill Township Manager |
|          | Greg Lippincott       | West Rockhill Township Manager |
|          | Jim Nietupski         | East Rockhill Supervisor       |
|          | David Nyman           | East Rockhill Supervisor       |

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mr. Keyser with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Citizen Comment #1**

- Harry Lawell, 521 Thousand Acre Road, asked for the status of the investigation into Jason Stoneback, 811 Thousand Acre Road and asked for options if after the completion of criminal investigation if it was determined no criminal charges would be filed.
- Dennis Csondor, 605 Thousand Acre Road, stated he was unaware public could call the Chief of Police directly and continues to be concerned about the increase in activity by Mr. Stoneback.
- Jim Miller, 916 Thousand Acre Road, stated he is concerned about speeding along state owned Ridge Road and believes it is getting progressively worse.
- Linda Marx, 710 Thousand Acre Road, stated she had a receipt for damages to her home but no proof Mr. Stoneback broke a window.
- Stanley Heller, 710 Thousand Acre Road, stated concerns about the actions of Mr. Stoneback and police enforcement.
- Deborah Neeson, 1007 Thousand Acre Road, stated she did not agree the incident was illegal and was disappointed in 911 dispatch and police response to the incident.

Chief Dickinson stated a criminal investigation was still being conducted and the case was at the District Attorney's Office. All the resident concerns raised at the March police meeting regarding EPA, ATF and the Adelpia Pipeline were addressed. The consensus of the responses received from those entities was Tannerite was not illegal or regulated. Chief Dickinson stated no one has contacted him with their concerns outside of a public meeting and he is available for anyone with questions or concerns.

#### **Announcements:**

Executive Session will be held to discuss personnel.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- A. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Meeting Minutes
- B. April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 Financial Report
- C. April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 Payment of Bills totaling \$97,022.22.
- D. March 2023 Department Activity Report

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve the April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 Consent Agenda. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Solicitors Report: Matthew Hoover**

There was none.

**Business**

**Update on Heating System.**

Chief Dickinson provided an estimate from Air Management in the amount of \$16,975.00 to replace the heating control system. Chief also reported that he has reached out to numerous contractors for quotes but has not gotten responses.

Mr. Volovnik had questions regarding the system and the effectiveness of repairs to make the unit as efficient as possible. Follow up will occur with Air Management with Mr. Volovnik in attendance.

**Moving of May Meeting.**

Chief Dickinson expressed his desire to hold an awards ceremony at the next Commission meeting to allow the Commission to meet new Officers and recognize Officers for their work. Chief recommended moving the meeting to Penn Foundation due to it is a larger facility.

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to authorize moving the May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting to the Loux Center located at Penn Foundation as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Application for Accreditation Grant.**

Chief Dickinson stated his intention to apply for an accreditation grant. The grant would include hiring a clerical staff position as the accreditation manager and prepare the department with moving forward with the retirement of the current administrative assistant. The Commission took this under advisement.

**Citizen Comment #2:**

- Mr. Nietupski provided a synopsis of his attendance at a PSATS training session addressing policing. He reported most of the practices were already observed by PRPD and provided Chief Dickinson with contact information for Pennsylvania State Police MAP coordinator, the equivalent of the EAP offered by Delaware Valley Trust.
- Mr. Keyser expressed concern about the public comment and his desire to have public comment procedure be similar to West Rockhill township public comment and requested Mr. Hoover follow up.
- Mr. Nyman did not want public comment procedure change.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to adjourn into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police