

Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010

In attendance were Commission members John Cressman, Jay Keyser and Jim Nietupski. Solicitor, John Rice was not in attendance. Mary Eberle was present for Solicitor Rice. Chief Mettin was in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jay Keyser in the West Rockhill Township Building.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Commission approved both the December and January meeting minutes after the approval of the December minutes were tabled at the January meeting.

Financial Report:

Chief Mettin read the financial report dated February 22, 2010. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$44,962.82, the total operational account balances equal \$156,989.94. The Operating Cash Reserve Account funds total \$104,571.94. The Financial Report was approved and the Commission gave approval to pay bills.

Chief's Report:

Chief Mettin presented the Chief's Report, indicating Department activities for January 2010. Chief Mettin advised of the monthly statistics as well as administrative issues within the department.

Chief Mettin provided 2009 Youth Aid Panel statistics and advised that the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria has been ordered and should be in stock near the beginning of March.

The Overtime Report and UCR report for January were attached to the Chief's report.

A motion was made to approve the Chief's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitors Report:

Solicitor Eberle advised that she had no report but, indicated that she would need to address 2 issues in an Executive Session.

Citizen/Guest Comments:

None

Old Business:

Chief Mettin presented Resolution 2010-01 – Police Department Manual Revision which had been tabled at the January meeting. The Department Manual has been amended reflecting accreditation points through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program. Resolution 2010-01 was unanimously passed. Resolution 2010-02 was presented, reducing officers' annual pension contributions to 2% from 5% as is customarily done yearly. This resolution was presented in January and signed by two of three Commissioners.

Chief Mettin presented the 2009 Annual Report which outlined activities by the department. In summary, calls for service decreased 9.7% in 2009 while accidents decreased .5%. Total offenses decreased 16% while the arrest rate increased 3 percentage points to 35%. Officers received over 1100 hours of training in 2009.

During the January meeting, Ben Botti presented to the Board four copies of a Pennridge Regional Building Proposal which included a preliminary budget, floor plans and elevation plans for review. Commissioner Jay Keyser brought this topic before the Commission for discussion. Chairman Keyser advised that movement has been made on the 537 plan for the property next to the Comcast building on Ridge Rd. Work will begin shortly on a driveway and detention basin. Commissioner Nietupski will be emailed a copy of Ben Botti's proposal for review. Commissioner Nietupski advised that he would like to tour other local police facilities and will email Chief Mettin available dates for which this can be done.

Jay Keyser then brought before the Commission literature from KCBA which is an architectural firm which would be interested in doing business with the Commission or municipalities. Their interest was noted by the Commission.

Jay Keyser then discussed his work on improving Allentown Rd and actions with the Police Department and Township Engineer to date.

New Business:

None

Citizen/Guest Comments:

None

A motion was made to adjourn the Pennridge Regional Police Commission meeting and go into Executive session to discuss personnel and real estate issues. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. The next Pennridge Regional Police Commission meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2010 at 7:00pm at the West Rockhill Township Building.