

Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008

In attendance were Commission members, Don Duvall, Gary Volovnik and John Cressman. Solicitor John Rice and Chief Mettin were in attendance. John Mann and Jay Keyser, Board of Supervisor members of West Rockhill Township were in attendance as audience members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the West Rockhill Township Building. Chairman Duvall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Commission approved the March 26, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

Financial Report:

Chief Mettin read the financial report dated April 23, 2008. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$55,510.89 and payroll of \$40,549.72, the total account balances equal \$213,634.45. The DCED grant account balance remains at \$20,000. Chief Mettin advised that he has sent a request to DCED for a grant extension. A motion was made to approve the financial report and payment of monthly bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chief's Report:

Chief Mettin presented the Chief's Report, indicating Department activities for March 2008. Chief Mettin advised the Commission of UCR statistics for the month, totaling 77 founded crimes and 28 arrests made. Chief Mettin advised the Commission that there has been a 53% increase in criminal activity over the first quarter of 2008 as compared to 2007. The arrest rate has increased by 20%. Total calls for service have increased 11%, equally in each municipality.

Chief Mettin advised the Commission that a total of 33 traffic accidents were investigated and gave totals for other police activities for the month. Total accidents have decreased by 23% while traffic citations rose from 134 in the first quarter of 2007 to 325 in the first quarter of 2008.

Chief Mettin also provided a brief report on Public Safety activities for the first quarter of 2008.

The Overtime Report and UCR report 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 Rice advised that he had no business to report, but needed to address personnel issues in Executive Session.

Citizen/Guest Comments:

None

Old Business:

Joseph Phillips and John Charles of Donovan and Associates addressed the Commission and provided an update on architectural services rendered to date and requested permission to continue drafting documents and set up meetings with mechanical engineers. The Commission advised that Donovan and Associates would be contacted shortly after other issues are addressed concerning a Project Manager.

Chief Mettin provided an update on the modular unit which was installed on April 10, 2008.

New Business:

Chief Mettin advised the Commission that he has received quotes for test boring at the Markey Park site. Quotes were received from:

- Advanced Geo Services Corp – West Chester PA
 - \$4,640.00
- Geo Structures – Wayne PA
 - \$4,500.00
- Earth Engineering Inc. – East Norriton PA
 - \$3,680.00

Unanimous approval was given to award Earth Engineering Inc., to proceed with the boring. Chief Mettin was advised that when the written agreement is received, sign and return the paperwork to begin the process.

Chief Mettin advised that he had received the Appraisal Report from Indian Valley Appraisals for the Markey Park site (5 acres). The land appraisal valued the land at \$1,420,00.00. A copy of the Summary of Salient Facts and Conclusions was provided to the Commission for review. A copy of the entire report was also provided to the Commission at the meeting for reference.

Chairman Duvall advised the Commission that he, David Nyman of East Rockhill Township, John Rice and Steven Moyer of Grim, Biehn and Thatcher, met on April 14, 2008 to discuss financing Request for Proposals. RFP's may be ready for the May meeting and anticipated action at the June meeting.

Citizen/Guest Comments:

Bob Keeler of the News Herald asked questions on the Markey Park site appraisal.

A motion was made to adjourn the Pennridge Regional Police Commission meeting and continue into Executive Session to discuss 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 May 28, 2008 at 7:00pm at the West Rockhill Township Building.