# Pennridge Regional Police Commission Meeting Minutes

# May 22, 2019

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on May 22, 2019 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present: Don Duvall Commissioner

Jay Keyser Commissioner
Gary Volovnik Commissioner
Rodney Blake Chief of Police
William D. Oetinger, Esq. Solicitor

Marianne Morano East Rockhill Township Manager

Greg Lippincott West Rockhill Township Manager

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

## Citizen Comment #1:

There was none.

## **Announcements:**

There was none.

# Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2019 Regular Meeting

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's April 24, 2019 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

#### Financial Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the financial report dated May 22, 2019. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$41,605.91 the total operational account balances equal \$196,277.13. The capital reserve account funds total \$200,625.77.

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of Bills List dated May 22, 2019 totaling \$41,605.91 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 April, 2019. Mr. Keyser asked the Chief about the effectiveness of the traffic enforcement on Old Bethlehem Pike. Chief Blake explained the traffic enforcement details are effective at slowing traffic. Mr. Duvall then asked about the drug criminal activity. Chief Blake explained that there is a noticeable rise in the use of methamphetamines.

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

# Solicitors Report: William D. Oetinger, Esq.

There was none.

## **Old Business**

There was none.

#### **New Business**

Chief Blake presented a note of thanks to Officer Alcott, Adams, and Kolb.

## Citizen Comment #2:

David Collingwood of 14 Barndt Road Sellersville, PA indicated that he had three questions. Mr. Collingwood then asked if he needed to fill out a Right to Know request for the "Bills List" that is presented at the meetings. Chief Blake advised that a Right to Know request would be needed for the list.

Mr Collingwood then asked where the meeting minutes were posted. Chief Blake advised that they are generally posted on the department's website.

Mr. Collingwood then mentioned that recently Commission member Donald Duvall held an inclusive political meeting at the Pennridge Regional Police Department meeting room. There was a discussion about the use of the meeting room and lack of policy. Mr. Collingwood mentioned that the local library has set criteria in order for their meeting room to be used and he suggested the police department do the same. Chief Blake advised that he would talk to Solicitor John Rice about the issue.

# **Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted

Rodney Blake, Chief of Police