

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**August 26, 2020**

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on August 26, 2020. The meeting was held as a video/call in conference meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present:	James Miller	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	David Collingwood	Commissioner
	Rodney Blake	Chief of Police
	John Rice, Esq.	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager

Members in the video conference that were identified were Dave Nyman (East Rockhill Township Supervisor) and news reporter Bob Keeler.

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

**Citizen Comment #1:**

There was none.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Miller announced that at 3pm today (8/26/20) an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

**Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2020 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's July 22, 2020 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Financial Report: Chief Blake**

Chief Blake read the financial report dated August 26, 2020. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$66,714.51 the total operational account balance equals \$113,288.32. The capital reserve account funds total \$150,318.46. Mr. Collingwood asked about the bill Jerry's Auto Body for painting a police car. Chief Blake explained that there had been a recall on that year for flaking paint, however it is unknown if it will be covered because the vehicle is a 2013 Ford Explorer. The paint was bad enough that it required to be fixed.

It should be noted that the department was requiring only 1 authorized signature on the checks issued by the department instead of the normal 2 signature requirement. This was approved by QNB and was requested due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve payment of Bills List dated August 26, 2020 totaling \$66,714.51 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 July, 2020. Mr. Miller asked if it was possible to get the traffic study results from Pa Dot for the study occurring on Ridge Road in front of the Township Building. Chief Blake stated that he would email Pa Dot.

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

**Solicitors Report: John Rice, Esq.**

There was none.

**Old Business**

Chief Blake presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> review of the 2021 proposed police budget. Chief Blake stated that after making the suggested changes from the last meeting the budget increased 2.22% for each municipality. Chief Blake added that the profit/loss report shows that there may be monies left over in this year's budget, similar to last year, and that left over money may be used to offset any increases in the budget.

Mr. Miller asked about any budget savings that was discussed during contract negotiations. Chief Blake advised that those savings will be seen when new employees are hired to take the place of higher paid employees.

After discussion from the Board and Mr. Nyman it was decided that a decision would be made concerning the budget at the September PRPC Meeting.

**New Business**

Chief Blake read a letter of recognition sent to Officer Lehman from a citizen for his assistance at a traffic crash.

**Citizen Comment #2:**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rodney Blake,  
Chief of Police