Pennridge Regional Police Commission Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2020

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on October 28, 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 Jim Nietupski (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 no Executive Session will be needed tonight.

Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2020 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's September 23, 2020 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake advised that the Agenda in the packet needed to be corrected to reflect the bills list total to read \$182,312.61 and not \$183,312.61. Chief Blake then read the financial report dated October 28, 2020. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$182,312.61 the total operational account balance equals \$209,373.73. The capital reserve account funds total \$150,403.28.

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 October 28, 2020 totaling \$182,312.61 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 September, 2020.

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.

Mr. Rice advised the HVAC litigation has been settled and they are waiting for the settlement paperwork and check.

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

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Chief Blake advised the Board that the September 23, 2020 MMO Worksheet that was completed for Non-Uniform employees was incorrect. Chief Blake explained that when uniform employees were required to contribute 5% to their pension fund, non-uniform employee Lisa Owens was required to do the same. PMRS has advised that the non-uniform pension fund does not allow a 5% contribution for non-uniform employees and only allows a 4.5% employee contribution. The new MMO worksheet reflected the change.

Chief Blake presented a citizen letter of praise to Officer Kolb. Mr. Collingwood also praised Officer Kolb for her performance at the recent Historical Society Recycle Event.

Chief Blake then advised about the following items that were not listed on the Agenda;

- The Chief of Police job advertisement was to be published in November
- The tree in front of the police headquarters was going to be cut down Friday October 30, 2020
- QNB was working on the building loan paperwork. The department was able to secure a rate of 1.85% for 5 years
- Reminder that the November PRPC Meeting is being held on November 19, 2020

East Rockhill Supervisor Jim Nietupski advised that the East Rockhill polling place will be busy on election day and he would like the police department to direct traffic. Chief Blake advised that he would be in contact with the East Rockhill road crew and will monitor the situation.

Mr. Miller then asked Mr. Lippincott to assist with the directional signs and or barricades at the West Rockhill polling place at Jerusalem Lutheran Church 733 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Citizen Comment #2:

There was none.

<u>Adjournment</u>

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Blake

Chief of Police