

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes**

January 27, 2021

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on January 27, 2021. 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

The following were identified in the video conference;
East Rockhill Supervisor Dave Nyman
East Rockhill Supervisor Jim Nietupski
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 the meeting was held as a video/call in conference meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr. Miller announced that there would be an Executive Session held after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Re-Organization

Mr. Miller asked fellow Board Members for nominations for the Pennridge Regional Police Commission. Mr. Collingwood made the motion that the positions remain the same as 2020 (Mr. Miller Chairperson, Mr. Volovnik Vice Chairperson, and Mr Collingwood Member), the nomination was seconded by Mr. Volovnik. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the financial report dated January 27, 2021. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$84,572.17 the total operational account balance equals \$17,244.22. The capital reserve account funds total \$150,535.64.

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. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve payment of Bills List dated January 27, 2021 totaling \$84,572.17 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 December, 2020. Chief Blake went over the yearly totals for the department and it was noted that there was a significant decrease in activity in every category. Chief Blake advised that the Public Safety Committee will be discussing this and what those numbers mean moving forward. Mr. Miller also indicated that the numbers for fire calls in West Rockhill is also reduced.

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 that the HVAC mediation has been resolved and that the police department should start receiving payment from the parties involved.

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Rice and Grim, Biehn and Thatcher's Law Office for handling the litigation.

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 of the recent pension plan audit from the Department of the Auditor General. The Chief explained the finding in the audit and explained the rebuttal letter that was sent.

Citizen Comment #2:

Mr. Nyman, East Rockhill Supervisor, asked if it was necessary to respond to the Auditor General. Chief Blake explained that it was and was based on the advice of the auditor.


Mr. Nyman, East Rockhill Supervisor, suggested that the Board take the money from the HVAC litigation and place it in the police department's Capital Fund. Mr. Miller agreed with this and made the below motion.

On motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve that the money received from the HVAC litigation be placed in the police department's Capital Reserve Account. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Rodney Blake,
Chief of Police