Pennridge Regional Police Commission Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2021

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on August 25, 2021 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:

James Miller

Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Gary Volovnik
David Collingwood
Paul T. Dickinson Jr.

Chief Solicitor

Colby Grim
Marianne Morano
Greg Lippincott

East Rockhill Township Manager
West Rockhill Township Manager

David Nyman James Nietupski

East Rockhill Supervisor
East Rockhill Supervisor

Bob Keeler

News Herald

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

Citizen Comment #1

None

Announcements

Executive Session will be held following the meeting

Approval of Minutes from June 23rd 2021 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Colllingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commissions' August 25th2021 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Dickinson

Chief Dickinson read the financial report dated August 25th 2021. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$40,801.88 the total operational account balances equal \$266.785.86. The cash reserve account funds total \$170,799.40.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve payment of Bills List dated August 25th 2021 totaling \$ 64,144.09. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief Dickinson

Chief Dickinson read the monthly report indicating Department activities for the month of April 2021. The report is on file.

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: Colby Grm, Esq.

Nothing to Report

Old Business

Chief Dickinson presented an update on the IT upgrades performed by IT Solutions. The Chief presented a break down of work already completed, with the amount paid out to this point. Also presented was the projected work to be completed with overall cost still being within the projected IT expenses discussed and voted upon at the June commission meeting.

A second review of the 2022 budget was presented to the commission. Discussion included the position of both Township managers. Greg Lippincott expressed he had no concerns with the projected budget but was concerned regarding costs moving forward when officers mature to full rate status.

Commissioner Volovnik inquired about the current condition of the police headquarters and possible Capital expenses relating to the building. Chief Dickinson provided explanation that to his knowledge there were no major issues that he was aware of but did express the concern that moving forward some maintenance costs could occur. Dickinson noted that painting and just general upkeep may be necessary in the future.

Supervisor Nyman expressed his feelings regarding the budget approval so that each township could move forward with their individual budgets. It was proposed the budget be approved at the September meeting.

The new Ford Explorer was purchased and delivery is anticipated the first week of August.

New Business

Chief Dickinson presented a letter of appreciation from Perkasie Police Chief Schurr regarding our officers assisting with a shooting incident in the borough.

Commissioner Collinwood expressed concerns about having the commission solicitor present at every commission meeting. Mr. Collingwood expressed that he did not see the need due to there being no reports to the commission at the previous meetings.

Mr. Volovnik expressed that he was in support of maintaining the solicitor attendance due to their knowledge and ability to answer legal questions when posed during a meeting. The board decided to take the discussion under advisement.

Citizen Comment #2:

NONE

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police