

Pennridge Regional Police Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2021

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on September 22, 2021 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:	James Miller	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	David Collingwood	Commissioner
	Paul T. Dickinson Jr.	Chief
	Matt Hoover	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager
	David Nyman	East Rockhill Supervisor
	James Nietupski	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

Chief Dickinson introduced new part time officers, Robert Fulmer and Justyn Forrest. District Court Judge Geier administered the Oath of Office to both officers. They will start their field training early on in October.

Approval of Minutes from August 25th 2021 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commissions' August 25th 2021 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Dickinson

Chief Dickinson read the financial report dated September 22nd, 2021. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$98,369.96 the total operational account balances equal \$231,475.98. The cash reserve account funds total \$170,834.49.

Mr. Miller stated that the bills list was higher than usual due to the purchase of the new patrol vehicle, Delaware Valley Health Trust (Insurance) expenses and payment towards the IT upgrades.

Mr. Collingwood inquired about purchases of new patches and a training class offered by University of Louisville that Chief Dickinson will be attending.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve payment of Bills List dated September 22nd 2021 totaling \$ 98,369.96. 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 August 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: Matthew Hoover, Esq.

Nothing to Report

Old Business

The third and final review of the 2022 Budget was conducted. Mr. Collingwood expressed the need for both townships to understand the costs associated long term with the addition of a Sergeant. There was no discussion in opposition to the long-term cost. Chief Dickinson explained the cost would be less if retirements occurred. Collingwood continued by inquiring about the scheduling of the Sergeant during higher call volumes. Chief Dickinson stated that he believed a shift from noon to midnight would be effective.

Mr. Volovnik inquired also about the scheduling and Chief Dickinson expressed the Sergeant role would be flexible. Chief Dickinson explained that the sergeant role would include being flexible with the intention of filling open patrolman shifts to ease scheduling issues and also to prevent some overtime.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve the budget for 2022. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief Dickinson provided an update on the newly purchased vehicle, that it has been delivered and should be operational by the end of October.

New Business

Chief Dickinson advised the Commission that Ofc. Lehman was resigning his position as a part time employee effective October 2, 2021. Ofc. Lehman expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the Department and Commission.

The 2022 MMO was presented and taken under advisement for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension.

Chief Dickinson requested discussion on the purchase of 30th Anniversary Badges to be worn by officer's from January 1st 2022 to December 31st 2022 to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the department. Mr. Miller, Collingwood and Volovnik all expressed support for the purchase. It was decided to make the purchase with the Pennridge Police Benevolent Association paying a third of the cost, with donations being contributed by township supervisors at the suggestion of Mr. Nyman and the department providing the remaining funding.

On motion by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, approval was given to order the 30th anniversary badges. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

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 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul T. Dickinson Jr.
Chief of Police