

Penridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022

The regular business meeting of the Penridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on February 23, 2022 in the meeting room at the Penridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	Jay Keyser	Commissioner
	Hal Schirmer	Commissioner
	Paul T. Dickinson Jr.	Chief
	Matthew Hoover, Esq.	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager
	Jim Nietupski	East Rockhill Supervisor
	David Nyman	East Rockhill Supervisor
	David Collingwood	West Rockhill Supervisor
	Bob Keeler	News Herald
	Sgt. Pedro Ruiz	PRPD

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Volovnik with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment #1

Announcements

There was an executive session following this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Approval of Minutes from January 26th 2022 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Schirmer, seconded by Mr. Keyser, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Penridge Regional Police Commissions' January 26th 2022 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Dickinson

Chief Dickinson read the financial report dated February 23, 2022. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$75,286.76 the total operational account balances equal \$134,610.91. The cash reserve account funds total \$171,013.60.

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve payment of Bills List dated February 23, 2022 totaling \$75,286.76. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief Dickinson

The report was taken under advisement due to being read at both township meetings.

Solicitors Report: Matt Hoover, Esq.

There was none.

Old Business

It update: Chief Dickinson reported that the final part of the IT update was completed this month and that there has been considerable improvement in the system since changing IT services. Commissioner Volovnik inquired about the speed of the internet service and Chief Dickinson was unable to provide one to him, Mr. Volovnik requested members be sent the speed by email.

Part Time Hiring: Chief Dickinson reported that the part time hiring process is continuing and that on March first eight candidates will be interviewed.

Commissioner Keyser inquired about a hiring policy in use by the department, Chief Dickinson relayed he was following the policy that was in place but suggested that the policy could be reviewed and updated. Mr. Volovnik inquired about the updating being done before the end of the year, and Chief Dickinson stated it would be.

New Business

Chief Dickinson presented a memorandum outlining the need to purchase two new in car video recording cameras. The purchase of the two cameras would update the department fleet so that all five marked cars would have in car cameras installed. Chief Dickinson asked that \$12,190.00 be transferred from the Capital Funds to purchase the equipment.

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve the transfer of \$12,900 from the Capital Funds to purchase two Watchguard 4RE in camera systems as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief Dickinson presented a check to the commission for \$250 that was donated by the Connolly's on Three Mile Run Road. A thank you letter was sent to the family thanking them for a donation.

Chief Dickinson provided the board with information pertaining the department's participation in a grant application to start a crime victim assistance program with other surrounding municipalities. The grant is being applied for by Bedminster Township and there should be no cost to the department if the department is awarded the funding.

Citizen Comment #2:

Mr. Keyser inquired about the department having a DOT inspector since the retirement of Ofc. DiGiovanni. Chief Dickinson responded by saying that the department could benefit from a DOT officer but that the training is extensive and that it is a position that the officer is going to want to do it. The Chief believes this is something that should be explored in the future.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to adjourn into Executive Session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 720 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police