

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes**

March 25, 2020

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on March 25, 2020. The meeting was held as a video/call in conference meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present:	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	James Miller	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 David Nyman (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:

There was none.

Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2020 Regular Meeting

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commission's February 26, 2020 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Chief Blake

Chief Blake read the financial report dated February 26, 2020. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$47,298.68 the total operational account balance equals \$169,583.85. The capital reserve account funds total \$150,097.29. The Chief added that attached to the financial report was a letter addressed to QNB Vice President Karen Krier indicating that the department was requiring only 1 authorized signature on the checks issued by the department instead of the normal 2 signature requirement. This letter was in response to COVID-19 restrictions.

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve payment of Bills List dated March 25, 2020 totaling \$47,298.68 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 February, 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.

There was none.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Chief Blake updated the board on the COVID-19 situation in Bucks County. Chief Blake then spoke about the department and how patrol operations have changed because of the disease.

Chief Blake presented an email from Scott Houtz from Air Management Technologies concerning a recent issue with the HVAC system and the Johnson Control system. Mr. Houtz gave three options to deal with the issue. Those three options are as follows;

1. **Keeping existing Johnson Control System: Since we can't assess all the control parameters would recommend at least once a year that they be brought in to work with Air Management on the inspection. Estimated cost would be around \$2,000 per year.**
2. **Honeywell Control Upgrade: Air Management is a Honeywell licensed control company and the advantage of Honeywell is a more open protocol but may still limit the "Traditional HVAC Company" from working on your controls. Estimated cost would be around \$20,000.**
3. **Simplified Control System: Its questionable whether was a need for a direct digital control system for this building since much of it could have been done with Smart Thermostats and dedicated control loops. Converting to this more simplified operation would allow "Traditional HVAC Company" access but you would lose much of the remote monitoring functions. Estimated cost would be around \$15,000.**

On motion by Mr. Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve suggestion 1 (1.Keeping existing Johnson Control System: Since we can't assess all the control parameters would recommend at least once a year that they be brought in to work with Air Management on the inspection. Estimated cost would be around \$2,000 per year) as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief Blake presented the Board with Resolution 2020-02; 2020 Penndel Regional Police Fee Schedule. **On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to approve Resolution 2020-02; 2020 PRPD Fee Schedule as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

The Chief presented a cost analysis study completed by the Public Safety Committee. This study looked at several indicators tracked by the department over a period of time, and looked at the expenditures put forth by the townships for public safety. The study gave several recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Collingwood suggested that the study be labeled with the names of the committee and the date presented. He also suggested changing the personal pronoun on page 5 from "I" to "we".

Mr. Volovnik agreed with the study as did Mr. Miller. It was suggested that we look at the study yearly.

Mr. Nyman, East Rockhill Township Supervisor, agreed with the comments and suggested we look at it every year.

It was agreed that the document did not need Board approval, but rather just be submitted as a supporting document used by the Board.

Mr. Miller added that this meeting was not being recorded and was only available as a live meeting.

Citizen Comment #2:

There was none.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Collingwood, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Rodney Blake,
Chief of Police