

**Pennridge Regional Police Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 26, 2022**

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 7:00pm on January 26, 2022 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

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

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

**Citizen Comment #1**

There were none

**Announcements:**

**Reorganization:**

Mr. Keyser nominated Mr. Volovnik for Chairperson. Mr. Schirmer seconded the nomination, with no additional discussion, all present voted in favor. Mr. Volovnik took over the meeting.

Mr. Volovnik nominated Mr. Keyser for Vice Chairperson, Mr. Schirmer seconded the nomination, with no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Mr. Keyser nominated Mr. Schirmer as secretary, Mr. Volovnik seconded the nomination, with no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Sgt. Pedro Ruiz:**

Chief Dickinson presented Ofc. Pedro Ruiz to the rank of Sergeant. Chief Dickinson presented a short biography of Sgt. Ruiz career and then his wife and son pinned Sgt. Chevron's to his collar.

**Ofc. Donald Bartholomew Retirement:**

Chief Dickinson recognized Ofc. Donald Bartholomew's retirement effective February 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 after 22 years of service to the communities of East and West Rockhill. Ofc. Bartholomew was presented with a plaque recognizing his service to the department. In addition, he was presented with a proclamation from

the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Sgt. Maloney presented Ofc. Bartholomew with a shadow box containing many of the patches, badges and awards that were worn by Ofc. Bartholomew.

### **Approval of Minutes from December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Regular Meeting**

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Pennridge Regional Police Commissions' December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Regular Meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

### **Financial Report: Chief Dickinson**

Chief Dickinson read the financial report dated January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. After payment of the monthly bills totaling \$84,781.16 the total operational account balances equal \$16,601.72. The cash reserve account funds total \$170,977.29.

Of note a revised copy of the bills list was presented due a payment being voided. The revised copy was sent to the township supervisors and public safety committee.

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve payment of the Bills List dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 totaling \$ 84,781.16. 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 December 2021. Also presented end of year stats in comparison to 2020. The report is on file.

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve the Chief's Report as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

### **Solicitors Report: John Rice, Esq.**

There was no report from Mr. Rice, however Mr. Rice discussed the history of the department, in acknowledgment of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the department.

### **Old Business**

Chief Dickinson provided an update to the Commission regarding the posting of the Part Time position and also that interviews will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

### **New Business**

#### **Consider Resolution 2022-01 to acquire liability insurance through Delaware Valley Property Liability Trust**

Chief Dickinson presented the board with research pertaining to a change in Property and Liability Insurance from PIRMA to Delaware Valley Trust. The Chief presented a cost savings of approximately \$11,000 and additional benefits for the department. Memorandum part of packet.

Commission Solicitor, John Rice, agreed with the need for nose coverage in the amount of \$500,000 to protect the department from liability of claims that would have occurred before the department enrolling into the Delaware Valley Trust.

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve Resolution 2022-01 as presented. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

### **2020 Financial Report**

Chief Dickinson advised the Commission that the 2020 Audit was conducted and that there were no issues found.

### **Sgt. Tim Maloney entering drop**

Chief Dickinson gave notice to the Commission that Sgt. Maloney would be entering the DROP on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2022, with his separation date being March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### **Consider Ofc. Robert Fulmer to Full Time Status maintaining 11 full-time Officers**

Chief Dickinson requested the Commission move Ofc. Fulmer from Part Time officer to a Full-Time probationary officer. The chief reported that the replacement hiring was budgeted for in the 2022 budget and that in the three months that Ofc. Fulmer has been employed he successfully completed the FTO program and also has shown his dedication to the department.

**On motion** by Mr. Schirmer, seconded by Mr. Keyser, to approve placing Ofc. Robert Fulmer to the status of Full Time Probationary Police Officer. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Chief Dickinson made the Commission aware of the potential lack of 2022 Ford Police vehicles. The chief also reported that Fred Beans does have some leftover 2021 Fords on the lot. Mr. Keyser requested a copy of the department fleet report. This will be forwarded to the supervisors of both townships.

### **Citizen Comment #2:**

There was none.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to adjourn. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 745 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police