

Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2024

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 5:00pm on March 27, 2024 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:	Hal Schirmer	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	Jay Keyser	Commissioner
	Paul T. Dickinson Jr.	Chief
	Matt Hoover, Esq.	Solicitor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager
	Jim Nietupski	East Rockhill Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mr. Schirmer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment #1

There were none

Announcements:

There were none

Consent Agenda

- A. February 28th 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. March 27th 2024 Financial Report
- C. March 27th 2024 Payment of Bills totaling \$119,235.95
- D. February Chief's Report

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve the March 27th 2024 Consent Agenda. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitors Report: Matthew Hoover.

There was none.

Business

Consider permission to begin advertising for budget patrol officer position:

Chief Dickinson requested permission to advertise the position of patrol officer hiring, and added that the position was approved in the 2024 budget.

Mr. Keyser expressed concern over the long term cost of adding an officer to the department and continued that the additional cost of the added officer would exceed \$150,000.

Mr. Nietupski also expressed concern about adding a new officer and unexpected cost in addition to the increase in salary due to the new police contract.

Ms. Morano did express that the chief completed a staffing study which indicated the department was understaffed and that the position was approved in the 2024 budget.

Mr. Keyser commented that he understood the staffing concerns and that he was also concerned about the cost and a possible Mil tax increase to cover the expense.

Mr. Volovnik suggested tabling the topic until the April meeting to ensure both townships had time to evaluate the long term cost to each township.

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to table the permission to advertise for an additional patrol officer until the April meeting. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Citizen Comment #2:


Mr. Nietupski expressed his approval of the Crime Blotter that is sent out to both township elected officials weekly.

Mr. Keyser expressed concern about the safety of motorists on Ridge Road due to the recent fatal traffic accident. He request information regarding what can be done to improve the roadway.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Dickinson Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police