

**Penridge Regional Police Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 24, 2024**

The regular business meeting of the Penridge Regional Police Commission was held at 5:00pm on April 24, 2024 in the meeting room at the Penridge 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
	David Collingwood	West Rockhill Supervisor
	Marianne Morano	East Rockhill Township Manager
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager

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 will be an executive session to discuss personnel.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. March 27<sup>th</sup>2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Financial Report
- C. April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Payment of Bills totaling \$123,535.08.
- D. March Chief's Report

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Keyser, to authorize the Chief to advertise to add a full-time Patrol Officer per the adopted 2024 budget. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Consider Application for PCCD Grant Recruitment Expenses:**

Chief Dickinson relayed his desire to apply for grant funding offered by PCCD in regard to Recruitment costs. The Chief asked for permission to move forward with application with hopes to receive funding to entice new hires to the department.

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Chief to move forward applying to the PCCD for grant funding in regards to recruitment costs. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Consider Application to FY 24 US DOJ COPS Hiring Program**

Chief Dickinson presented information to the board regarding grant funding offered by the US DOJ to offset the salaries and fringe benefits of a newly hired officer, potentially in 2025 or 2026. The grant funding is good for 60 months and will cover 75% of salary and benefits for newly hired officers up to \$125,000.

**On motion** by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to authorize the Chief to move forward researching and possibly applying for FY 24 US DOJ funding in regards to hiring of new officers. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

**Citizen Comment #2:**

- Mr. Collingwood requested a marked patrol vehicle be parked in headquarter front parking lot.
- Mr. Keyser and Mr. Schirmer are in favor of “phantom” police vehicles parked along Ridge Road they believe will deter speeding.

**Adjournment**

**On motion** by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Keyser, to adjourn the meeting. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm.

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