

Pennridge Regional Police Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2024

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 5:00pm on July 24, 2024 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Mr. Schirmer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment #1

There were none.

Announcements:

Executive session to be held after the meeting to discuss personnel.

Consent Agenda

- A. July 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. July 24, 2024, Financial Report
- C. July 24, 2024, Payment of Bills totaling \$102,939.77
- D. June 2024 Chief's Report

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to approve the July 24, 2024, Consent Agenda. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitors Report: Matthew Hoover.

There was none.

Business

Presentation of 1st draft of the 2025 Budget Proposal

Chief Dickinson presented the first draft of the 2025 Budget to the commission, indicating that the overall budget increase was 3.07% with contributions by both townships increasing by 6.59%. Chief Dickinson explained that the increase in contributions was based on officer salary increases, expenses associated with accreditation, purchasing of new firearms and finally increases in fuel prices.

Mr. Keyser asked about the budgeted amount for a new police vehicle and Chief Dickinson explained the cost was based on not only the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer but also for the costs associated with upfitting the vehicle. Mr. Keyser in turn requested a copy of the previous years' vehicle maintenance records and an updated fleet report.

Mr. Keyser expressed his support for gaining department accreditation and also asked the willingness of East Rockhill to proceed with this expense. Mr. Nyman stated that he has been speaking to the need for accreditation and that East Rockhill understood the expense.

Mr. Keyser then inquired about line item 410.211 Firearms expenses and he along with Mr. Nietupski asked about the cost of the new firearms and the need for the purchases. Chief Dickinson relayed the need to replacing aging equipment and the upgrade to new noise suppressors and shorter barrels to assist in officers' health, safety and maneuverability while using the new rifles. Mr. Nietupski asked about the cost of the rifles and Chief Dickinson relayed the cost per rifle was \$2315.50.

Mr. Nyman and Mr. Schirmer inquired about the phone upgrade project in regard to making sure the department would have enough phone lines and also the possibility of using Galco Phones for the project. Chief Dickinson said that the quote was through Galco.

Mr. Keyser expressed concern about the percentage increase of 6.59% and in response Mr. Nyman relayed that the increase in budget contributions were approximately \$90,000 to \$70,000 respectively for each township. He also thanked the Pubic Safety Committee for presenting a first draft of the budget so early in hopes of approval in September.

Notification of 2023 Audit to be performed by Zelenkofske and Axelrod LLC

Chief Dickinson provided a letter from auditors of Zelenkofske and Axelrod LLC indicating their performance of an annual audit for 2023.

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Nyman, to take notice of the audit to be performed by Zelenkofske and Axelrod LLC. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #2

There was none.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to adjourn the meeting into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul T. Dickinson Jr.', with a horizontal line drawn through the end of the signature.

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police