

Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2024

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 5:00pm on August 28, 2024 in the meeting room at the Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters, 200 Ridge Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Present:	Hal Schirmer	Commissioner
	Jay Keyser	Commissioner
	Gary Volovnik	Commissioner
	Paul T. Dickinson Jr.	Chief
	Matt Hoover, Esq.	Solicitor
	Dave Nyman	East Rockhill Supervisor
	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 5:04 pm by Mr. Schirmer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comment #1

There were none.

Announcements:

Announcements were moved to the end of the meeting due to officers not being available. Once available Ofc. Rosenfeld, Windfelder and Det. Dean were presented with investigative awards for their diligent work towards conviction of the Robertson parents in the child abuse case from early 2024.

Consent Agenda

- A. July 24th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. August 28th, 2024, Financial Report
- C. August 28th, 2024, Payment of Bills totaling \$84,324.93
- D. July 2024 Chief's Report

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Volovnik, to approve the August 28th, 2024, Consent Agenda. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitors Report: Matthew Hoover.

There was none.

Business

Presentation of Police Officer Candidate Zachary Koerper for final approval by Commission.

Chief Dickinson presented Ofc. Candidate Koerper to the Commission indicating that Mr. Koerper had successfully completed all aspects of the police department hiring process and that he was asking for final approval to hire Mr. Zachary Koerper, as a probationary police officer.

On motion Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve the hiring of Mr. Zachary Koerper as a probationary police officer. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Presentation of 2nd draft of the 2025 Budget Proposal

Chief Dickinson presented a second draft of the 2025 Budget to the commission members and added that there were some minor changes to the budget based on raises in cost but believed that these small increases could be covered by the carryover from the 2024 budget.

Mr. Keyser thanked Chief Dickinson for including in the packet a history of vehicle maintenance for patrol vehicle 7708 and also the remaining fleet records as he requested. He continued to express his concerns about replacing a vehicle with only 103,000 miles on it and believed that overall, the budget was acceptable and was in support of it. He then added that before a vehicle is to be purchased in 2025 the purchase should be brought back in front of the commission.

There was brief discussion among the commission and also those in attendance about the need for an increase in the budget and it was understood that these expenses/increases were in response to increases in salary and operating costs.

With no additional feedback from the commission Chief Dickinson requested if there was a need to present a third draft of the budget and there was no objection to voting to adopt the budget.

On motion by Mr. Keyser, second by Mr. Volovnik, to approve and adopt the 2025 budget as presented, with the request by Mr. Keyser to bring the purchase of a new patrol vehicle to the board for approval in 2025. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.


Public Comment #2

Mr. Keyser wanted to thank the Public Safety Committee, especially Mrs. Morano, for her work with the budget and also for providing hard copies to the Commission for review.

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 "P. Dickinson Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police