

Pennridge Regional Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2024

The regular business meeting of the Pennridge Regional Police Commission was held at 5:00pm on October 23, 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
	Greg Lippincott	West Rockhill Township Manager
	Marianne Morano	East 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:

No Announcements.

Consent Agenda

- A. September 25th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. October 23rd, 2024, Financial Report
- C. October 23rd, 2024 Payment of Bills totaling \$257,759.95.
- D. September 2024 Department Activity Report

On motion by Mr. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Schirmer, to approve the October 23rd, 2024, Consent Agenda. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Solicitors Report: Matthew Hoover.

There was none.

Business

Chief Dickinson advised the Commission that the police department had received two of the DCED Grants LSA Grants that were applied for last year. Both grants were in the amount of \$82,361. The first grant was to purchase equipment for traffic safety and enforcement, to include a new patrol vehicle and speed signs. The second grant was for station upgrades, to include an interview room and updating the department surveillance cameras. Chief Dickinson advised he would have more information hopefully at the November Commission meeting.

Consideration and Discussion regarding 2025 Budget

Chief Dickinson provided the commission with a memorandum outlining some unforeseen budget issues. The chief continued that there were two line items of the budget that were not sufficiently funded due to the department not having the final figures. These two-line items were the MMO Pension contributions and also the healthcare.

Several solutions to the under funding were discussed to include moving funding from Capital Reserves as needed throughout the year to cover the potential under funding. The Chief did state that most of the underfunding could be off set by the grants just received and also by the state aid that is provided as part of the MMO.

Mr. Keyser, Volovnik and Schirmer said that moving funds from Capital Reserves would be a viable solution and thanked the Chief for the update.

Mr. Nyman commented that this should be done on a needed basis as the year progresses and it is possible that the Chief could manage the budget to prevent the need to spend reserves.

On Motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Keyser, to approve the Business report. With no additional discussion, all present voted in favor.

Public Comment #2

Chief Dickinson addressed the commission in regard to the funding of the police department moving forward and thanked the board for their support of the department in a progressive direction in the last three years. The chief added that he would do what he could do to reduce the costs but wanted the commission to understand that the costs as presented in the 2025 budget are operational.

Mr. Keyser and Mr. Shirmer both added that they understood the Chief's concerns and appreciated the work of the department. Both did express that managing the funding was an important aspect of their roles.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Volovnik, seconded by Mr. Keyser, to adjourn the meeting into executive session. With no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Dickinson Jr.', written in a cursive style.

Paul T. Dickinson Jr. Chief of Police