

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2019

METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY BUILDING
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The Regular Meeting of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County was called to Order by the Board Chair, Curt Porath on January 16, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Porath led the Board and audience in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Curt Porath welcomed everyone and requested Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call of members present.

Present: Curt Porath, David Krueger, Kay Doerr, Tonya Ketzler, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Pinkston, and Vane King

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lieutenant Joel Grahn, Shawna Farrell, Kevin Kilby, Adam Zettel, and Chad Young

MINUTES

Curt Porath requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. David Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Tonya Ketzler seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

AGENDA

Curt Porath requested a motion to approve the agenda and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the agenda; David Krueger seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

1. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Curt Porath turned the meeting over to Chief Matt Bade and Lt. Joel Grahn regarding department activity.

- A. Vehicle Purchase. Lt. Grahn reported that the price of the vehicle the Authority was looking to purchase went up \$6,000.00. Lt. Grahn checked on other police vehicles available which included a pickup truck which came in \$2,000.00 below the cost of the SUV. There was Board discussion about the increased cost and its effect on the budget. David Krueger made a motion to approve the cost over run in the budget for the purchase of the vehicle; Dennis Pinkston seconded the motion.

Curt Porath requested Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Cory Bostwick – Yes
David Krueger – Yes

Dennis Pinkston – Yes
Kay Doerr – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes
Curt Porath - Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Traffic Safety Program: Chief Bade indicated that the traffic safety program target date for implementation is February 23, 2019, but is contingent upon what Swartz Creek and Mundy Township work out as far as revenues. Part of the cost of the Officer was to be funded by the revenues from the Court.
- C. New Officer: Chief Bade reported that Officer Montney is progressing through FTO Program very well, and is scheduled to become a full-time officer January 28, 2019.
- D. FANG: Chief Bade reported that Lt. Donahue of the Michigan State Police interviewed 6 candidates for the FANG position. Chief Bade said that all the applicants did very, very well and made him and Lt. Grahn very proud of their officers, and said that Lt. Donahue was very impressed, and said it was a very difficult decision. Chief Bade reported that Officer John Badal will be assigned to the FANG position.

2. FANG REPRESENTATION

Chief Bade reported that FANG has a new director and he has not had the opportunity to talk to him about Authority representation. Chief Bade also said he spoke with Adam Zettel and is not clear that he wants to ask for a rule change if Swartz Creek wants to keep things status quo and leave the representation with the municipalities.

3. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Curt Porath reported that both municipalities had a meeting a couple of days ago. The City of Swartz Creek decided to hold off passing any amendments because of budgetary concerns which have not been resolved. Tonya Ketzler reported that Mundy Township had passed the amendments unanimously. Curt Porath said his concern was that this was a change to the budget, there is a Contract with a law firm and the Township and City have to come up with how to fix the problems. Vane King asked for some clarification and what exactly Mundy Township voted to do. Curt Porath reported that the municipality leaders got together to discuss changes they wanted to the Interlocal Agreement and the only problem was the change of the prosecutors and now a change to the budget with the court fines and fees going to the municipalities. Curt Porath reported that after meeting with Chief Bade and Shawna Farrell, and discussing the impact to the Authority budget, he advised the City to hold off on signing the amendment due to the budget concerns. Curt Porath said that Mundy Township and the City of Swartz Creek will have to fix the budget deficits for the Authority that the amendments created. There was a lengthy discussion

with Board members, the Authority attorney Kevin Kilby, as well as City and Township representatives.

Curt Porath requested a 10 minute break at 10:51 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

Curt Porath said the municipalities need to get back together and see what they're going to do. Curt Porath also asked for a suggestion for a start date and said he would like to see the start date as January 1, 2019, for budget reasons. Curt Porath said they still need some numbers from the Court and Shawna Farrell reported that she will continue to reach out to the Court for the report. Further discussion by Board members about the revenue changes and amendments. Curt Porath said the Board would have to wait to hear back from the Court.

Discussion continued about Protocol Agreements between the Authority and municipalities on the procedures to be followed by the Prosecutors with the Authority developing templates to be used by the Prosecutors, including grievance procedures. Curt Porath asked for a motion to accept the Protocol Agreements; Tonya Ketzler moved for acceptance; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion.

Curt Porath requested Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

David Krueger – Yes
Dennis Pinkston – Yes
Kay Doerr – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes
Curt Porath - Yes
Cory Bostwick – Yes

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

4. BUDGET

Shawna Farrell reported that the 2018 Budget was looking good, however we have not received all the bills for 2018 yet, and the school resource officers have not been billed. Shawna said she was planning to have the year-end report done for the February 2019 meeting. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the budget and check register; Kay Doerr seconded the motion.

Curt Porath requested Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Dennis Pinkston – Yes
Kay Doerr – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes
Curt Porath - Yes
Cory Bostwick – Yes

David Krueger – Yes

MOTION PASSED, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Szeckroth from MML introduced himself. Said he understood the Board had moved to renew the insurance with another carrier. Mr. Szeckroth said the insurance renewal date wasn't until April 1st and was asking the Board to review the numbers. Curt Porath and Chief Bade expressed that what the new numbers were from the new insurance carrier which were \$11,000.00 below the MML quote.

Rae Lynn Hicks said she has questions and agreed that Mr. Gildner's contract was done in good faith and you don't come back and say we changed our mind. She said she believed when she voted for this that we would be working together to reduce costs and it looks like it's going to be added to Swartz Creek costs possibly for prosecution. Rae Lynn Hicks stated that the Swartz Creek community thought everything would be handled through this Board and this Police Authority and she's disappointed and said we absolutely should not approach Mr. Gildner.

Jim Barclay said it was his first board meeting.

Adam Zettel said the municipalities communicate very together and are generally on the same page. Adam Zettel said he believes the Metro should conduct their own prosecution if it is in fact legal. Mr. Zettel said that although the City's financial position on prosecution won't be worse than it used to be, he believes a financial opportunity was missed to consolidate it. Mr. Zettel said he believes the changes to be made to the Interlocal Agreement were done with prudence and caution and understanding for the other party's needs, and that ultimately it's just a different preference where the partners stand.

BOARD COMMENT

Tonya Ketzler said this was not a whim for them. She said their attorney was telling them that statutorily it couldn't be done and that Mr. Kilby said they would be remiss if they didn't listen to their attorney. It's not about cherry picking, but about their attorney telling them that statutorily he didn't think it could be done. Tonya Ketzler is hoping that it doesn't cost them any money and believes it may be 1.5% of the overall budget.

Vane King said there will be issues and the positive part was that the Board did what they had to to keep it intact and keep MPA operating and he appreciates that fact. He said we are trying to do something new, innovative and it's a very good thing to be doing and unfortunate to run into a few issues like this and hopefully the last one. Vane King added that he hopes we can move forward and do things efficiently and provide professional public safety services to everybody Metro serves.

Dennis Pinkston said he was glad to be here.

Cory Bostwick said she is the new kid, and catching up on 2 years is a lot. She said she agrees with everything that was just said, and thinks this is a great thing for the community, and wants this to be successful.

Kay Doerr said we will move ahead, it may be painful, and believes it's important to document all costs from every side to be able to quantify that moving ahead. She added that this will cost more and still likes the idea of a flat rate so we can budget more easily no matter who does it like most municipalities do. Kay Doerr added that the Board has a fiduciary duty to serve the constituents and to get the best bang for the buck, and she doesn't want anyone to work for less than what they should, but doesn't believe it's unreasonable to control the budget.

David Krueger said he was glad we managed to work through this and believes they have a workable solution. David Krueger added that he was very happy to have Vane King's input today.

Curt Porath commented that moving forward that this is for our communities and we want this to be right.

Kay Doerr made a motion to adjourn; David Krueger seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.