

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2020

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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 Chairperson, Kay Doerr, on October 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Kay Doerr welcomed everyone and asked Tonya Ketzler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kay Doerr requested that Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call of members present.

Present: Kay Doerr, David Krueger, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Cramer, Tonya Ketzler, and Rae Lynn Hicks. Vane King was absent.

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Sgt. Todd Johnson, Sgt. Steve McFadden, CPA Shawna Farrell, Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young, and Swartz Creek City Manager, Adam Zettel.

## **MINUTES**

Kay Doerr presented the minutes for approval. David Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes as printed; Tonya Ketzler supported the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

## **AGENDA**

Kay Doerr presented the agenda. Chief Bade asked that Item 2B be replaced with Sgt. Johnson's name, and that MERS Addendum be added under the Financials. David Krueger made a motion to accept the amended agenda; Tonya Ketzler supported the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

### **I. Reports and Communications to the Authority**

Kay Doerr reported that the Chief and Metro Police response time has been wonderful, adding that the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift is good. Sgt. McFadden said that he has a good crew out on that shift.

### **II. Business Items:**

#### **A. Promotion of Sgt. Steve McFadden**

Kay Doerr administered the Oath of Office with Sgt. Steve McFadden for his official promotion to Sergeant effective the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

#### **B. Departmental Activity**

Chief Bade reported that the department was making preparations for the upcoming elections and had 3 officers who were receiving education, and would be dedicated to work the polls.

Sgt. Johnson reported that Metro would be again participating in the OHSP grant for OWI and seatbelt tickets which would cover 200 hours of overtime, including some benefits. Sgt. Johnson added that it's good visibility and lots of work for OWI arrests.

Chief Bade complimented Officer Steven Fisher for a good arrest. Officer Fisher stopped a vehicle with an improper plate, made an arrest on multiple warrants, and recovered a weapon. Chief Bade said that Metro Police has partnered with 911 to have new Dispatchers ride with Officers so they get an idea for what Officers see and do out on the road. Chief Bade said Officer Fisher just happened to have one of the new 911 Dispatchers in his vehicle that day who got to see the arrest made.

**C. Financials.**

Kay Doerr turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who went through the financials for January through September 2020 noting accounts that were both above and under budget. There was Board discussion about specific accounts.

Kay Doerr asked for a vote. Shawna Farrell reminded the Board that the motion should include the financial statement and check register. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the reports as printed; David Krueger supported the motion.

Kay Doerr asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

David Krueger – Yes  
Cory Bostwick – Yes  
Dennis Cramer – Yes

Tonya Ketzler – Yes  
Ray Lynn Hicks – Yes  
Kay Doerr – Yes

**MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

Kay Doerr reminded the Board it would have to make a decision about the monies received through the CARES fund. Shawna Farrell said she thought that next month's meeting about the budget would be a good time for the Board to discuss the funds. There was discussion and Board agreement to discuss this at next month's meeting.

**MERS Addendum**

Chief Bade told the Board MERS is changing the way paperwork is administered at MERS through a DocuSign format. Chief Bade said MERS required some additional information on the documents. Chief Bade explained that this was added to the Agenda because approved Board Minutes are required when the form is submitted to MERS. The DocuSign forms were displayed by Janette MacAinsh on the training room monitors for review by the Board. Dennis Cramer made a motion to accept the MERS Addendum as presented by Chief Bade for approval; David Krueger seconded the motion. Chad Young added the motion should indicate that there are two Addendums; Shawna Farrell added or a separate one for the Hybrid plan. Dennis Cramer amended the motion to accept the two MERS Addendums as presented by Chief Bade; David Krueger support the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

- D. FANG/GAIN Reports.** Dennis Cramer briefly reviewed the FANG report which was included in the Board packet.
- E. Donations.** Dennis Cramer presented a check to Chief Bade from the Back the Badge campaign, and stated it was to be used as needed.
- F. November and December Meeting Dates.** Kay Doerr presented a change for the November Board meeting day because the original date was so close to Thanksgiving. There was Board discussion and the November Board Meeting date was changed to November 24, 2020, and the December Board Meeting date was confirmed to be on December 16, 2020.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young congratulated Sgt. McFadden and thanked him for his work on the hotel liaison program, and the sharing with business peers. Chad Young also thanked Chief Bade for emphasizing election concerns and election law training for the officers.

Swartz Creek City Manager Adam Zettel said the City has not taken a position on Trick or Treating on Saturday and it will be status quo.

Sgt. McFadden assured municipality officials that officers would be out in the neighborhoods in the City of Swartz Creek and Mundy Township for Halloween.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

Dennis Cramer said he was happy to hear about the preparations Metro Police Authority is doing for election day.

Cory Bostwick offered congratulations to Sgt. McFadden. Cory Bostwick also asked Chief Bade to let the Officers know that they are supported and that she and many of her neighbors have Back the Badge signs in their yards. Cory Bostwick added that behind the scenes there is more support for the police than they may know.

Rae Lynn Hicks said she sees the Metro cars around and just saw 5 Metro cars on a stop the other day. Rae Lynn Hicks also said she was happy to hear that preparations are being made for the election. Dennis Cramer added that 1/3 of voters have requested absentee ballots so they are expecting a lighter turn out.

Tonya Ketzler said that Mundy Township had almost 50% absentee ballots requested. Tonya Ketzler said that some of the poll workers are scared, but she has assured them that Officers will be available. Tonya Ketzler added that poll challengers are very educated in their job, and she has never had a problem with them. Tonya Ketzler added that poll watchers don't have to be documented, and can stay as long as they want in the communal area. Tonya Ketzler also said she appreciated the fact that the Chief is going the extra mile, and added that he always does.

David Krueger said he inquired about election workers and was told that they have about 75 election workers who have not done it before so they have a large pool of volunteers. David Krueger added that

he was concerned about reluctance to do that. Tonya Ketzler added that Mundy Township has calls every day from people offering to volunteer.

Kay Doerr said she was happy to hear that people are willing to participate in the process. Kay Doerr said she wanted to bring up how excited she was about the park and the collaboration between Mundy Township and Swartz Creek, and police being so supportive. Kay Doerr said that the concern she hears about from people is that they are worried about the park safety. Kay Doerr added that she is pleased that they are looking at collaboration to have some of the work done by Swartz Creek, and with the support of the Metro Police. Kay Doerr said there will be a soft opening before winter and the sled hill will be open. Kay Doerr said the park is beautiful. Chad Young teased that the Metro Police will now need Metro snowmobiles and sleds.

Chief Bade said a little over a year ago the hotel liaison program was implemented, and was given to Sgt. McFadden to oversee it. Chief Bade said it went from a couple of people in the meetings to building a collaboration with all the hotels in Mundy Township, Grand Blanc Township, the Hotel Convention Bureau, and email Listservs; all competitors now sharing information to help each other and it has been a great success. Chief Bade praised Sgt. McFadden for his work on this.

David Krueger reminded everyone to turn their clocks back on Saturday evening.

## **ADJOURN**

Cory Bostwick made a made a motion to adjourn; Dennis Cramer supported the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:06 a.m.