

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 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, Kay Doerr, on November 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Kay Doerr welcomed everyone and asked Rae Lynn Hicks to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kay Doerr requested the Board have a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Fay Porath, and Mayor Richard Abrams.

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

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

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Joel Grahn, Shawna Farrell (CPA), Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young.

MINUTES

Kay Doerr presented the minutes for approval. David Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion. David Krueger said he had a couple of corrections. David Krueger stated that the first correction was that there should be a comma in the second line after the name Kay Doerr, and then in the list of people present, there should be a comma after Dennis Cramer's name. Dennis Cramer asked about 2 figures in the 2019 to 2020 PPU contracted hours, and if the numbers are generated through the dashboard. Chief Bade said those numbers were decided upon at the creation of the Police Authority for units of measurement for costs. Kay Doerr stated there was a motion on the floor and asked for the vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

AGENDA

Kay Doerr presented the Agenda for approval. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the Agenda; Rae Lynn Hicks seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

1. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY

- a. School Safety Plan.** Chief Bade reported that they were moving forward with the school safety plan in the Swartz Creek School district. Chief Bade said the next meeting would be in January, and that hopefully they will have Carman/Ainsworth staff there to bring the middle school in as a part of the plan, and to have uniformity across the jurisdiction.

Chief Bade said they were going to take each building and evaluate risks, threats, and assess those vulnerabilities to those buildings and have plans that may be necessary.

- b. Shop With a Hero.** Chief Bade reported that Shop With A Hero would be taking place at the Hill Road Meijer on 12/3/2019 and the Morrish Road Meijer on 12/10/19, along with the Fire Departments and surrounding police departments.

Cory Bostwick asked Chief Bade if Rankin was involved with the safety plan. Chief Bade said it was all the schools in the Swartz Creek School District and Carman/Ainsworth Middle School. Chad Young asked if there has been any conversation with Carman/Ainsworth about Rankin. Chief Bade said there has been discussion. Chief Bade said that the Sheriff's Deputy assigned there is on a grant which he believes is to do what we have with our school safety officer and not necessarily SRO services. Chief Bade said staff at Rankin have been instructed to contact 9-1-1 if they have problems. There was Board discussion about the schools located in the Metro jurisdiction, and floor plans for the schools. Chief Bade said the goal is to create uniformity in the SRO program.

- 2. Support Staff Contract Approval.** Chief Bade provided the Board with the proposed changes for the support staff contract. There was Board discussion about the proposed changes. David Krueger made a motion to approve the changes; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. Chief Bade said he would provide the Board with a final copy of the contract. Kay Doerr asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

David Krueger – Yes
Cory Bostwick – No
Dennis Cramer – Yes

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

MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. PPU Agreement.** Chief Bade asked that this matter be tabled. Chief Bade reported that after speaking with Chad Young, they have reached out to Kevin Kilby to modify some language regarding PPU's.
- 4. Gaines Township Shared Services.** Chief Bade provided the Board with a copy of a letter received, after the election, from Gaines Township Chief, Mark Schmitzer, requesting that Metro Police not respond to any calls in Gaines Township unless requested by an on-duty Gaines Township Officer or already dispatched Michigan State Police or Genesee County Sheriff's Department unit, effectively terminating the shared services agreement.
- 5. Distracted Driving Ordinance.** Chief Bade told Board members from Mundy Township that he thinks the new ordinance is a good one and encouraged them to propose the same ordinance for Mundy Township. There was Board discussion about the new ordinance. Chief Bade said this would be a public campaign to change behavior. Rae Lynn Hicks asked for some statistics on those that are pulled over.
- 6. Training Room Equipment.** Chief Bade reported that the department has been doing bidding for the training room equipment over the last year which came back with high

quotes. Chief Bade said Metro had recently contacted a local person who came in and seriously undercut the project, and also gave the option for Metro to purchase the equipment directly. Chief Bade said he had talked to Shawna about whether the department could afford to do it, and it would require Board approval. Shawna Farrell said she believed it could be done within the current budget by moving some of the line items around. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to move forward with finishing the training room with the equipment purchase; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. Kay Doerr asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Cory Bostwick – Yes
Dennis Cramer – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes

Ray Lynn Hicks – Yes
Kay Doerr – Yes
David Krueger – Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

7. **FINANCIALS.** Shawna Farrell reported that the budget is looking good and thinks that with the amendments that were done in the last couple of weeks the budget should be well within budget in the next month. Dennis Cramer asked if it included the Tahoe that was purchased. Shawna Farrell confirmed that the budget includes the Tahoe that was purchased. Chief Bade added that the department does not have the vehicle yet. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to approve the financials and checks as presented; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion. Kay Doerr asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Dennis Cramer – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes
Ray Lynn Hicks – Yes

Kay Doerr – Yes
David Krueger – Yes
Cory Bostwick – Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

8. REPORTS

- a. **FANG/GAIN.** Kay Doerr turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer who stated that all he had to report from FANG is their October dates which he brought copies to review.
- b. **Fundraising.** Kay Doerr turned the meeting over to Tonya Ketzler who said she has had a tough year, and needed to turn the fundraising activities over to Cory Bostwick. Kay Doerr encouraged Tonya Ketzler to take care of her health and thanked Cory Bostwick for accepting. Kay Doerr said they would look forward to the next fundraising event. Rae Lynn Hicks added that it would be after the holidays.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chad Young joked that he needed the audio/visual updates done by December 20th which may or may not correlate with the college bowl games. Rae Lynn Hicks said that could be a fundraiser. Chad Young added that taking care of the training room is a great initiative for the organization and will do well for the community to be able to use it. Rae Lynn Hicks

asked if the training room is available to other organizations. Chief Bade said the room is already utilized quite frequently.

10. Board Member Comment

Rae Lynn Hicks said it was a good meeting.

David Krueger said his computer died, but would be getting a new computer soon.

Cory Bostwick related a creepy story that happened on Halloween night where a lady was dropped off at a neighbor's house, and was found by a household member coming up from the basement. Cory Bostwick added that the lady was pretty messed up, and Metro arrived within 4 minutes. Cory Bostwick said it was a strange story, and that the neighbors said Metro handled it well.

Chief Bade said he wanted to thank Chad for taking care of the building problems that the department has been having lately. Chief Bade added that Chad takes care of it right away. Chief Bade said the department had the mailbox run down by a Meijer semi, door problems, and roof problems. Chad Young joked that he has started answering calls from the Chief with, "Do you want to buy the building yet?"

Dennis Cramer asked about the safety and security of the department networks. Chief Bade confirmed that they are safe and secure. Dennis Cramer offered a reminder to everyone during the holidays to prevent a suicide if they can with special attention to Veterans returning from combat. Dennis Cramer said that he was starting a Tickets for Vets that provides tickets to amusement parks, hockey games. Dennis Cramer also said the County is trying to come up with an ordinance to allow off-road vehicles on the roads.

Vane King wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Tonya Ketzler asked how Officer Szmansky was doing. Chief Bade said he was still struggling through his injury, and the last he heard was that the flexibility in his knee is not where it should be, and is complicated by other health issues. Chief Bade added that the department does not have his return date yet.

Tonya Ketzler said her goal is that the police department, and fire department will have plans of all the buildings that should be easily downloaded, accessed, and show how to get in and how to get out. Tonya Ketzler added she wants to be proactive about the park, and asked if anyone knows about solar motion lights. Vane King said he has some lights at his home that work like that. Chad Young said the Township should contact Home Depot. Tonya Ketzler also said they have to look into having some bat houses to control the mosquitos. Tonya Ketzler wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

David Krueger added about distracted driving, he was setting up for an interview about the new ordinance when a Brinks truck ran right over the new pedestrian sign.

Kay Doerr reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for December 18th.

ADJOURN

Tonya Ketzler made a motion to adjourn; David Kreuger seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.