

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2021

METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY BUILDING
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The Regular Meeting of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County was held by electronic access through Zoom. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, David Krueger, on February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Krueger requested that Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call of members present.

Present on Zoom: David Krueger, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Cramer, Tonya Ketzler, Rae Lynn Hicks, David Witter, and Vane King.

Also Present via Zoom: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Joel Grahn, Shawna Farrell, CPA and Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young.

MINUTES

David Krueger presented and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Tonya Ketzler moved the motion; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger asked if there were any changes or additions with none being added, David Krueger asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

AGENDA

David Krueger presented the agenda and asked Chief Bade if there were any changes. Chief Bade indicated that he had no changes to be made. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Tonya Ketzler moved; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

I. Reports and Communications to the Authority. David Krueger reported that he had not received anything.

II. Business Items:

A. Oaths of Office.

David Krueger indicated that an Oath of Office had been included in the board packet for each board member. David Krueger asked that each board member print out and sign their Oath of Office and send it over to the Metro Police Authority for the records, and then asked Janette MacAinsh to orally administer the oath of office to the board members collectively.

B. MPA Activity.

Chief Bade reported that retired Flushing Township Chief Brian Fairchild had been hired as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Lt. Grahn reported that department activity is up in some areas and down in others. Lt. Grahn said the department is currently dealing with vehicle breakdowns and repairs.

C. Financials.

Shawna Farrell reviewed the financial statements for the Board and responded to questions. David Krueger presented the transaction list for review and questions, with no response. David Krueger asked for a motion to accept the financials including the transaction list; Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept all the financials as presented; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Cory Bostwick – Yes	Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes
Dennis Cramer – Yes	David Witter – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes	David Krueger – Yes

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Shawna Farrell also reviewed the MERS Retirement Health Funding quarterly statement for the Board and responded to questions. Shawna Farrell proposed moving funds from the MERS Diversified Bond Portfolio and International Stock Index to other accounts making more money. David Krueger recommended leaving 10% in each fund, and try for a better return by moving the remaining funds to other accounts.

D. In-Car Cameras.

Chief Bade presented a new quote from WatchGuard for the in-car camera system, which included an additional 5 cameras to the 6 cameras that had already been approved for purchase for a total of 11 cameras for all of the patrol fleet. Tonya Ketzler moved the motion; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. Chief Bade answered questions from the Board.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Dennis Cramer – Yes	David Witter – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes	David Krueger – Yes
Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes	Cory Bostwick – Yes

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

E. FANG/GAIN.

David Krueger presented the FANG/GAIN agenda item, and turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer. Dennis Cramer said it was amazing what can happen in a routine traffic stop, and suggested members look at the January 28th entry.

F. Donations.

David Krueger asked Cory Bostwick for an update on the donations agenda item. Cory Bostwick reported that she didn't have any update at this time.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young offered kudos to Chief Bade for bringing on Brian Fairchild as the code enforcement officer, and said it has been overwhelmingly positive, and has a great amount of experience. Chad Young also thanked the patrol officers. Chad Young said he had the opportunity to speak to the owner of Atlas Outdoor, who was full of compliments for the frequency and immediacy of responses from Metro when his alarm system had accidentally been activated. Chad Young thanked the Chief and the department as well as the Swartz Creek Department of Public Works, for working with the Township as they opened a park in the middle of winter. Chad Young also addressed Chief Bade and said that he has been fielding calls reference trucks turning on Maple Road, and asked that traffic enforcement keep an eye on Maple Road east of Linden Road.

IV. BOARD COMMENT

Cory Bostwick said she has not seen a Sheriff's car at Rankin Elementary, and wondered if they were still under contract with the Sheriff's Department. Chief Bade indicated that he has heard a car checking in at the school. Chad Young said that he had spoken with the principal who indicated that the grant had expired or lapsed, and he didn't believe that they have an active officer at the school. Cory Bostwick added that she was glad we have the ordinance officer and looking forward to working with the officer.

Vane King congratulated Chad Young for getting the park open during a difficult time of year, and gave kudos to the Officers for the job they're doing.

Rae Lynn Hicks requested that the agenda include a point for what the department is doing for community policing. Chief Bade said there has been no year-round community policing officer, and formal community events are handled by the Schools Resource officers during the summer when most community policing activities take place. Chief Bade added that the Officers during the year try to engage with the community whenever possible, and happens on a regular basis for non-enforcement contact.

Tonya Ketzler thanked Shawna Farrell for the fabulous budgeting of multiple organizations. Tonya Ketzler also thank Chief Bade for his help with the park. Tonya Ketzler also said she has heard about monies that may be coming available for recruitment and retention in both police and fire departments and added that she would get more information.

Dennis Cramer said he thought it was great that we were getting the upgrades with the cameras for the vehicles and wanted to personally thank the officer who came after he had a tree crash on his garage in January. Dennis Cramer also thank Chief Bade and the Metro personnel for their fine work.

David Krueger added he wanted everyone to think spring with the warmer weather this week, and said it looks like spring is arriving a week early in Michigan.

V. ADJOURN

Tonya Ketzler made a made a motion to adjourn; Cory Bostwick supported the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:51 a.m.