

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

METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY BUILDING
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FLINT, MI 48507

The Regular Meeting of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County was called to order by the Board Chairman, David Krueger, on March 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone and asked Dennis Cramer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Joel Grahn, Sgt. Todd Johnson, Sgt. Mike Murphy, Shawna Farrell, CPA, Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young, Swartz Creek Manager, Adam Zettel, and Attorney Kevin Kilby.

MINUTES

David Krueger presented, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Tonya Ketzler moved as presented; David Witter supported 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 under the Oath of Office, Blake Hiben should be removed as he was not feeling well and was unable to be present. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to approve the agenda with the change; Dennis Cramer 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.

Chief Bade asked David Krueger to administer the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Todd Johnson.

B. MPA Activity.

Chief Bade reported that with Blake Hiben’s promotion to Sergeant, Officer Mark Cox would be filling the position of traffic officer. Chief Bade also reported that with the promotions, Sgt. Mike Murphy is the new Admin Sergeant.

Chief Bade said the hotel initiative continues to grow, and that Sgt. Steve McFadden has been assigned to oversee this project. Chief Bade asked Sgt. Murphy to tell about a shift initiative he had been involved with. Sgt. Murphy reported an incident to the Board where officers stopped a suspect who was at the hotel to deliver a large amount of meth, and had heroin, crack cocaine, and a sum of money on him. Sgt. Murphy added that this was the second or third stop of the night, and they are finding this to be a common thing at the street level. There was Board discussion about upcoming events meant to deter activity. Lt. Joel Grahn also provided an overview of recent department activity.

C. Financials.

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who reviewed the financial statements for the Board and responded to questions. David Krueger asked if there were any questions on the financials, expenditures or income. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept including the transaction list; David Krueger said he was going to ask if there were any questions on the transaction list. David Krueger said there was a motion to accept the financials both Profit and Loss and the transaction list; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger indicated that the motion was seconded and asked if there were any questions or comments.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

D. FANG/GAIN.

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer. Dennis Cramer indicated the FANG report was included in the Board packet, and added that he thought the information provided by Sgt. Murphy was interesting.

E. Donations.

David Krueger acknowledged Cory Bostwick’s absence.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young introduced Mundy Township Deputy Clerk Kamryn Hoadley. Chad Young offered congratulations to Joel Grahn on his retirement. Chad Young added that he was happy to hear about the growth opportunity for Blake Hiben. Chad Young added that as the weather breaks, the new park will be seeing more activity and hoped that Metro would be a visible presence. Chad Young reported there were concerns about dogs and the danger that may bring. Chad Young added that there is a dog ordinance, and dogs must be leashed. Chad Young said as the weather gets warmer the

hotels will see more traffic and thanked Metro for making the hotels a priority and keeping the community safe.

IV. BOARD COMMENT

Dennis Cramer offered his appreciation for the job that is done every day, and looks forward to seeing everyone as things open up.

Tonya Ketzler reported that there has been a problem with trash being thrown out of the truck driver's windows traveling down Maple Rd. and added that she literally followed a truck down Jennings Road to see who it was. Chief Bade responded that the officers are aware of the issue, and said because of the volume of trucks, there are some that will slip through. Tonya Ketzler also inquired about MVP's, and if we'll get that group back together. Lt. Joel Grahn said Officer Abraham has been assigned, and will have a full-plate getting it back up and running. Lt. Grahn added that he will be assigned to Hometown Days and Camp 911. Chief Bade said that Metro is hoping to resurrect the program, but there has not been a lot of response coming back. Chief Bade said they had been planning a mini academy prior to Covid. Tonya Ketzler said that a Senior Advisory Board has been developed at Mundy Township that will be working with the Senior Centers, and suggested that something be sent out that way. David Krueger added that at Hometown Days they always have a commercial tent right at the entrance for advertisement, and suggested that something be put there.

David Witter said that Flint Township has lost 3 officers because of better employment somewhere else, and asked if Metro was in danger of losing any people. Chief Bade said that this is a contract year, but Metro was very competitive in the County, and that he wasn't aware of any danger of losing anyone. Chief Bade also said that it's not just pay, but the conditions and culture of where you work, and instead of losing people, Metro does a good job of attracting people.

Rae Lynn Hicks said she was glad to hear about community policing and summer programs. Rae Lynn Hicks suggested advertising before school is out. Rae Lynn Hicks said she had been to the new apartments, that are being redone and look nice. Rae Lynn Hicks also suggested that officers stop in and introduce themselves at the mobile home park on Seymour Rd. Rae Lynn Hicks wished Lt. Joel Grahn a happy retirement.

David Krueger wished Lt. Joel Grahn a happy, healthy, and long retirement.

V. ADJOURN

David Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Tonya Ketzler so moved; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:55 a.m.