

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23, 2021

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 Chairman, David Krueger, on June 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone and asked Vane King to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: David Krueger, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Cramer, David Witter and Vane King. Rae Lynn Hicks was present at the meeting and departed at 11:04 a.m. Tonya Ketzler was absent.

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Todd Johnson, Officer Ryan Ortiz, Shawna Farrell, CPA, and Mundy Township Manager Chad Young was present by phone. Ashley Frase of Plante Moran was also present.

MINUTES

David Krueger presented, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. David Witter made a motion to accept the minutes; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. David Krueger said he found a typo but couldn't remember where it was, and Dennis Cramer said he was absent at the last meeting, and the minutes indicate he was present. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion to accept the amended minutes by deleting Dennis Cramer as present.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

AGENDA

David Krueger presented the agenda and asked Chief Bade if there were any changes. Chief Bade indicated he had no changes. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dennis Cramer made a motion to accept the agenda as distributed; Rae Lynn Hicks 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. Chief Bade indicated he had envelopes to hand out that were addressed to board members.

II. Business Items:

A. Audit Report.

Ashley Frase from Plante Moran presented the annual financial audit which indicated it was free of material misstatements, and there were no internal control deficiencies. Ashley Frase answered questions from the Board. David Krueger asked if anyone had any other questions. David Krueger then asked for a motion to accept the audit report. David Witter made the motion to accept; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

- B. MPA Activity.** David Krueger turned the meeting over to Chief Bade. Chief Bade reported that the department had a successful Camp 911, and gave credit to Officer Ortiz and Officer Abraham for their work at making it a success. Chief Bade asked Officer Ortiz to give a summary of the camp activities. Officer Ortiz reported that the camp was done in 3 segments with the first day being staff from 911 Dispatch who explained how 911 works; MedStar and Swartz Ambulance also came out on day 1 to talk about their jobs. Officer Ortiz said Day 2 was spent with Officer Paul and the K-9, and the Fire Department brought the smoke house to teach the campers about fire, and how smoke travels. Officer Ortiz said Day 3 was spent on internet safety, and there were prizes handed out. Officer Ortiz said that the lunches and snacks were provided for by the Swartz Creek Kiwanis Club, Dragon Diner, Weenie Wagon; the Treat Barn provided ice cream, and Hungry Howie’s provided pizzas. Officer Ortiz also acknowledged the generosity of the Swartz Creek Meijer that donated \$500 that went to purchasing prizes for the campers. Rae Lynn Hicks and David Krueger asked Officer Ortiz to write up something to be put in the paper and asked if he could attend the next Board meeting at Swartz Creek on June 28th. Chief Bade reported that Sgt. Murphy had graduated from Staff and Command school through Michigan State. Lt. Johnson also reported that Officer Cox had gone to AI school and will be participating on the CIRT team. Chief Bade also announced that on August 3rd, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Metro Police would be hosting an Open House and National Night Out event.

C. Financials.

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who reviewed the January through May 2021 financial statements for the Board noting that the department was staying within the budget, and responded to questions. David Krueger asked that the income items listed as Contribution, should be PPU. Shawna responded that she would make that change. David Krueger asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the transaction list. David Krueger asked Shawna Farrell if there was anything she wanted to bring to the board’s attention. Shawna Farrell said that the dashcams had been purchased, so it shows two expenditures, and the other large expenditure was for the worker’s comp policy. David Krueger asked for a motion to accept the financial reports; Dennis Cramer made the motion; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. David Witter asked about furniture depreciation of 7 years on the audit, and asked if there was money going in for that anticipated expense. Shawna Farrell explained that it was anticipated to last longer, but that it allowed for it to be budgeted much like the computers.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

- 1. Payroll Reimbursement Funds Discussion.** Chief Bade addressed the Board seeking approval to use the Covid Payroll Reimbursement funds for the purpose of recruitment and retention starting July 1st. Chief Bade reported the difficulties being faced with hiring experienced officers, and that fewer recruits were graduating from the academy. Chief Bade added that one of the newer officers

came on with 25 years of experience and was working at starting wages, and that another officer had 10 years of experience and was at the 2-year level wages. Chief Bade added there are 3 officers who asked for lateral moves and stated it would be fair to bring them up to that level. Chief Bade added that the contract provides that an officer can be brought in laterally, and that he did not want to lose these officers. Shawna Farrell discussed the financial impact for payroll. There was further Board discussion. David Krueger asked for a motion, and David Witter asked how the motion should be formed, and further asked Chief Bade for a suggestion on how the motion should be worded. Chief Bade, with assistance from Shawna Farrell said, they request that the Board approve up to \$22,500 of the additional federal grant money that was received to be used to increase wage steps for 3 officers. David Witter made a motion based on the Chief's statement; Corey Bostwick seconded the motion.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

D. FANG/GAIN.

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer who reported that the City of Flint has joined FANG.

E. Donations.

David Krueger asked Cory Bostwick if there were any updates. Cory Bostwick reported that the Swartz Creek women's group has a donation coming.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young thanked Cory for having him on her speakerphone for the meeting. Chad Young offered his congratulations to Metro for the successful Camp 911. Chad Young also thanked Lieutenant Johnson for his response at the opening of The Commons with the case of dehydration. Chad Young added that all of the Officers responded quickly and professionally.

IV. BOARD COMMENT

Vane King congratulated the department on the great job with Camp 911. Vane King added he was excited to see the interaction with the community.

Dennis Cramer offered his congratulations for Camp 911, and its potential as a recruitment tool in the future. Dennis Cramer added as always cyber security is a concern for him. Dennis Cramer offered his thanks to the department, and added that they don't get paid enough for what they do.

Cory Bostwick said she had an interaction with Officer Nicole (Gillett) who pulled her over.

David Krueger announced that Dennis Cramer was named Citizen of the Year. Dennis Cramer said it was a high honor and he was humbled to receive it. David Krueger added that one of the Swartz Creek citizens

has asked if an officer from the police department and fire department can be designated as officer of the year. David Krueger asked for some guidance on this request.

V. ADJOURN

David Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Dennis Cramer made a motion to adjourn; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:44 a.m.