

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 24, 2020

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 June 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Kay Doerr welcomed everyone and led 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, and Vane King.
Dennis Cramer, Tonya Ketzler, and Rae Lynn Hicks were absent.

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

MINUTES

Kay Doerr presented the minutes for approval. Cory Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes as written; David Krueger supported the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

AGENDA

Kay Doerr presented the agenda. David Krueger made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. Chief Matt Bade requested that items A and B be switched around so that the Officer swearing-in could happen first. David Krueger amended his motion to approve the agenda with changes. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

I. Reports and Communications to the Authority

Kay Doerr thanked Chief Bade and staff for always being responsive. said that she has seen a lot of positive comments online about the Metro Police Authority and said kudos to management.

II. Business Items:

A. Swear-In New Officers

Chief Bade said that Officer Yelle had worked last night and wasn't sure he would make it for the swear-in today. Chief Bade introduced Officer Brendyn Claerhout who was administered his Oath of Office by Chairperson Kay Doerr.

B. Audit Report

Due to Covid-19 concerns, Ashley Frase from Plate & Moran joined the meeting by speaker phone. Ashley Frase presented a review of the audit report to the Board members with a clean opinion on the Metro Police Authority.

Ashley Frase reviewed the MERS funding saying that the actuarial timing of the figures were based on 2018. David Krueger asked if the Authority will have to make up any of the shortfall. Ashley Frase said that the plan does not meet the underfunded definition. Ashley Frase also reported that under PA202 the total plan is reported as the Authority's, but said she had discussed with Shawna Farrell about submitting a form to the State to inform them that all of the liability is not the Authority's.

C. Departmental Activity

1. COVID Update. Chief Bade reported there were no issues with COVID and protocols were put in place and followed.
2. Budget Impact.
 - a. SROs. Chief Bade reported the impact was the SRO's were let go early in March and after discussion with the school superintendent, the costs were split with the school. Chief Bade added that it is unknown what will happen in the fall.
 - b. Personnel. Chief Bade reported that the School Safety Officer and part-time employees were suspended. Lt. Grahn reported that the School Resource Officers were reassigned with one going to the Detective Bureau.
 - c. Overtime & Training. Chief Bade reported that overtime and training had been cut.
 - d. Even Cancellations – Chief Bade reported that Camp 911, National Night Out, and the Metro Police open house has been cancelled.
3. Civil Unrest Issues. Chief Bade said that the police reforms that are being suggested already exist, and that MCOLES seems to be the leader in licensing standards. Chief Bade said that with the mandates being suggested, such as body cameras, Metro would have to tackle the financing aspects of putting the that into action. Chief Bade added that on the flip-side, regionalization is where these costs could be shared.
4. GAIN Assignment. Chief Bade reported that Metro has an opportunity to take a position with GAIN, which will give us an officer in GAIN and FANG.
5. Salvage Inspections. Chief Bade reported that Metro had been approached about doing salvage inspections because of a billing issue. Currently the inspectors work out of the Parks department to remain certified. Chief Bade added that this could generate some revenue as there is a fee for each inspection. Kevin Kilby spoke to the Board about how this may be accomplished, and added there should be a motion by the Board to allow Chief Bade and Lt. Grahn to continue with talks. David Krueger made the motion to allow the Chief and Lt. to continue with the salvage inspection talks; Kay Doerr seconded the motion. There was discussion by the Board. Kay Doerr asked for a vote on the motion to pursue discussions.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

6. Officer Activity. Chief Bade indicated that he had talked about this subject earlier.

D. Police Protection Unit Reports

Chief Bade reported that the PPU's had been exceeded for the 1st quarter for both municipalities and said it was a likely result of having extra people out covering events and shifts.

E. Financials.

Shawna Farrell provided her memo in the Board packet as well as the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report for January through May 2020, and May 2020 Transaction List.

Shawna Farrell reported that she is watching the revenue line items for the school resource officer, and said the ordinance fines saw a significant reduction as well as the rental income on the training room is also down due to current circumstances. Shawna Farrell said as far as expenditures, wage and overtime is down, and that the line items for K-9, postage, repairs and maintenance, and grounds are being monitored.

Kay Doerr asked for a vote. David Krueger made a motion to accept the May 2020 financial statement as well as the transaction list; Cory Bostick supported the motion.

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

David Krueger – Yes	Tonya Ketzler – Absent
Cory Bostwick – Yes	Ray Lynn Hicks – Absent
Dennis Cramer – Absent	Kay Doerr – Yes
Vane King – Yes	

MOTION CARRIED.

F. FANG/GAIN Reports. Kay Doerr said the May 2020 FANG activity report was included with the board packet.

G. Fundraising. Cory Bostwick reported that she had been into Hank & Don's where Metro had a fundraiser with Dr. Pinkston in the past, and had also talked with Blondie's, and is open to ideas, but just doesn't see it happening right now.

David Krueger reported that they are looking into getting signs that can be sold that will show support for the police department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young praised the Chief and Lt. and the entire department for the work being done during this time. Chad Young added that every time he made a call to Metro, they showed up.

Chad Young said that at the last Board meeting there was a question about fireworks. Chad Young said there is an ordinance dated back to 2012 that will have to be updated it to match existing law.

Chad Young added that on the topic of de-escalation, police departments are facing a lot of criticism, and said that he recalls an incident on Hill and Torrey Roads, where mental illness was a factor, and the Officers were effective in de-escalating the situation.

BOARD COMMENT

Cory Bostwick said it was nice to see everyone again, and healthy. Cory Bostwick added her thanks to the department, and added that having 2 sons who are firefighters and one who is a first responder, these are tough times. Cory Bostwick added that the Board supports the department and the hard work they do.

David Krueger said it was good to be at the meeting, and thankful no one came down with Covid-19 in the department. David Krueger said for many years he has talked to people who have moved to Swartz Creek because of its reputation of being a safe community. David Krueger added that people who are moving in are happy with their police department and it's good to have that kind of reputation. David Kreuger added he believes that the police motto to protect and to serve is taken to heart by the officers in serving the community and are living up to that motto.

Lt. Joel Grahn said that officers helped with Flint Academy and Grand Blanc graduations at the Drive-Inn. Lt. Grahn added that he wanted to recognize the Chief for speaking with the Swartz Creek United Methodist Church. Lt. Grahn said they were requested to come and give their take on the protests after the George Floyd incident. Lt. Grahn said Chief Bade went and spoke to the group about the Pillars of Excellence, and did a great job.

Chief Bade said it was good to see everyone.

Vane King praised the department for their handling of the Covid virus issue, with no one getting sick. Vane King added his appreciation for the budget work. Vane King said he believed the protests went excellent and they did a great job in cooperating with other agencies, and said it was fabulous and he was very happy with the job being done.

Kay Doerr said she was happy to see everyone and swear-in officers. Kay Doerr added that it was good to take a break from Zoom meetings and meet in person. Kay Doerr added that from a public health standpoint, it isn't over, and worries about a surge. Kay Doerr asked that if you're going out, to please wear a mask.

ADJOURN

Cory Bostwick made a made a motion to adjourn; David Krueger seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:08 a.m.