

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2022

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 August 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt Michael Murphy, Administrative Assistant, Janette MacAinsh, Shawna Farrell, CPA, Mundy Township Manager Chad Young, City of Swartz Creek Manager Adam Zettel, and City of Swartz Creek Council Member, Nate Henry.

MINUTES

David Krueger presented the Minutes from the July 27, 2022, meeting and asked for a motion. David Witter made a motion to accept the minutes; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

AGENDA

David Krueger asked Chief Bade if there were any changes to the agenda as presented. Chief Bade indicated there were no changes. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Dennis Cramer made a motion to approve the agenda; Tonya Ketzler seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

I. Reports and Communications to the Authority

David Krueger indicated he had not received any communications.

II. Business Items:

A. MPA Activity

Chief Bade gave an update on Officer Storms' health. Discussion held.

Chief Bade reported that there would be some personnel changes due to the retirement of Det Diem. Chief Bade announced that Greg RaCosta would be assuming the detective position in September, and in October a full-time position will be filled by Patrick Roach who is currently a part-time officer.

Chief Bade reported that the grant meeting for Flock cameras had been cancelled, and will be rescheduled.

Lt. Murphy reported that Officer Fisher was conducting traffic surveillance, and observed a vehicle that had an in-transit plate, and the driver had no seatbelt on. Lt. Murphy said Officer Fisher initiated a traffic stop, and the driver was driving slow, but erratic. Lt. Murphy said the dashcam caught great video of a gun and drugs coming out of the window. Lt. Murphy said the gun was found to be a 3-D printed gun, considered a ghost gun, with no tracking information. Lt. Murphy said it was a great stop made by Officer Fisher to recover the gun, and drugs. Lt. Murphy said he believes the ATF is now involved with the case.

B. Financials

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who reviewed the financial statements and transaction list for the members present. Discussion held. David Krueger requested a motion to approve the financials and transaction list. Tonya Ketzler moved to accept the financials and check register; Denis Cramer seconded the motion.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

1. Retirement Health Benefit Waiver

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell. Shawna Farrell explained that this is the 3rd or 4th year that Metro has had to complete this waiver, which is no different than previous years. Shawn Farrell said every year after the audit, she is required to file a report with the State that shows the pension and OPEB funding levels. Shawn Farrell stated further that if the OPEB funding levels are below 40%, then completion of the waiver is required with the State. Shawna Farrell explained that she can only report the Authority's funding of the plan, even though the liability is being funded through the Township, City, and Authority. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the signing of the waiver. Dennis Cramer made a motion to allow Chief Bade to make this waiver; David Witter seconded the motion.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

C. Medical Insurance Provision

Chief Bade explained to the Board that contractually, retiree health insurance is provided if an employee serves 25 years, and is 55 years of age. Chief Bade explained that Jeff Storms had been put on short term disability, but given his prognosis, MERS suggested that because he already has the age, he should put in for his retirement pension instead of disability retirement. Chief Bade said

that the medical coverage is key. Chief Bade asked the Board for an extension of medical benefits explaining that under a disability pension Officer Storms would have the medical coverage, but MERS said he should apply for his pension today, which would not include the medical coverage because he does not have his total years of service. Discussion held.

David Krueger made a recommendation that a special board meeting be scheduled as soon as possible with Attorney Kilby present. Chad Young indicated that 18 hours notice is required. Discussion held. Dennis Cramer made a motion for an emergency meeting; Tonya Ketzler seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

D. FANG/GAIN

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer who reported that he didn't have anything additional that wasn't already in the report.

E. Donations

Dennis Cramer confirmed the Back the Badge fundraiser on September 17, 2022, from 12 to 3:00pm. Dennis Cramer indicated that he needs some seed money. Discussion held.

Dennis Cramer also confirmed the fundraiser for Officer Storms on October 2, 2022, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Dennis Cramer added that both fundraisers will be at the American Legion. Tonya Ketzler asked if Metro could write the checks for the seed money, and get reimbursed. Shawna Farrell responded that Metro could. David Krueger asked Chief Bade to send out email reminders.

F. MPA Expansion

David Witter said he had been talking to someone in Fenton Township who said the Township has a contract with the Sheriff's Department. David Witter asked why they had gone with the Sheriff's Department, and was told that the contract was super, super, cheap. David Krueger said they had looked into this when the Authority was formed, and was told it could take 45 minutes for a call to be answered. Discussion held.

G. November & December Meeting Dates

Chief Bade asked board members if they wanted to change the meeting dates for November and December. Chief Bade said the November meeting is scheduled 1 day before Thanksgiving, and December date is scheduled for the 28th. Chief Bade suggested moving November's meeting to the 22nd, and December's meeting to the 21st. David Krueger asked for a motion to change the meeting dates. Tonya Ketzler moved the motion; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adam Zettel said the attention to Elms Park was appreciated, and reported it seems to be working well.

Chad Young asked if there was any update on hotel activity. Chief Bade said they were going to go over the SEPTED review, and encourage the hotels to take advantage it. Tonya Ketzler said she heard the old Holiday Inn is now officially a Best Western and their conference area is open. Chief Bade and others said they had not heard that. Tonya Ketzler said it was being renamed Best Western.

Nate Henry advised that the signs by Meijer on Morrish Rd. are leaning.

Chad Young announced the Fire Department's 75th Anniversary a couple of weeks ago and thanked Metro for their help with the parade. Chad Young also announced there would be a food truck at the Commons tonight. Chad Young also announced that there will be a trunk or treat October 22nd at the Commons.

2. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Vane King encouraged Chief Bade to continue to engage the community. Chief Bade said that there was a really good turnout with the Open House in August and very encouraging.

David Witter said he has a friend from pickleball who rented one of the pavilions at Elms Park, and it wasn't a very good experience. David Witter said the friend reported that someone had gone into the bathrooms and damaged the faucets. David Witter asked what the police did, and the friend said he did not call because it wasn't an emergency. David Witter said he instructed him to call 911 when he sees damage being done to a building or something he has rented.

Dennis Cramer said he was looking forward to the fundraisers, and looking forward to getting the emergency meeting set up.

Tonya Ketzler said the Mundy Township is working on a donation opportunity flyer which will include the Metro Police Authority logo and items the community could donate to the Metro Police and the Fire Department.

Cory Bostwick said at the beginning of the month Metro came out because of solicitors in the area who had not been vetted. Cory Bostwick said she wants the residents to know if someone comes to their door, they should have a badge which would indicate they have filled out the necessary paperwork, had a background check, paid their fee, and are known to the Township. Cory Bostwick thanked Metro for their help in escorting solicitors out of her neighborhood, and on Grand Blanc Road the following day.

3. ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Adjourn: 11:21 a.m.