

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2021

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METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY BUILDING  
5420 HILL 23 DRIVE  
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 August 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone and asked Tonya Ketzler and Cory Bostwick to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Krueger requested that Lynn Davis to do a roll call of members present.

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

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Todd Johnson, Metro Police Property Room Manager Lynn Davis, Shawna Farrell, CPA, Mundy Township Manager Chad Young, and Swartz Creek City Manager Adam Zettel.

### MINUTES

David Krueger presented, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. David Witter made a motion to accept the minutes; Tony Ketzler supported the motion. David Krueger asked members if there were any additions or corrections. David Krueger added that Janette MacAinsh should also be listed as present in the minutes. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion to accept the minutes as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

### AGENDA

David Krueger presented the agenda and asked Chief Bade if there were any changes. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the agenda; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

**I. Reports and Communications to the Authority.** David Krueger said that no reports or communications have been received.

**II. Business Items:**

**A. MPA Activity.**

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Chief Bade. Chief Bade reported that Metro was working on the School Resource Officer contracts for the school year. Chief Bade also reported that Metro had more salvage vehicle inspectors come over, for a total of five inspectors. Lt. Todd Johnson presented department stats to the Board as well as an overview of department activity, and cases.

**B. Financials.**

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who reviewed the financial statements for the Board. Shawna Farrell reported that she is anticipating being over budget on revenue, and under budget overall on expenses, which will be covered in the budget amendment. Shawn Farrell responded to questions from board members regarding specific line items. David Witter asked what process was used to move money in the budget. Shawna Farrell explained that the budget amendment is usually done in October or November and was basically a line-item transfer, and board discussion about a possible budget surplus, and if it would carry over or be used for equipment that may be needed. David Krueger asked if there were any questions on the transaction list. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the financials including the transaction list; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion.

David Krueger asked Lynn Davis 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.**

**C. FANG/GAIN.**

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer who reported that he did not have anything to add to the reports provided.

**D. Donations.**

David Krueger recognized the GFWC of Swartz Creek club. Wanda Tyler said the club was proud and blessed to be able to present a check for \$440 to the K9 unit for Roscoe, which was raised through their annual rock-a-thon and donations during Hometown Days. Chief Bade thanked the club for their donation.

**E. Officer Szmansky Recognition**

Chief Bade introduced and recognized Ken Szmansky’s years of service first at the Inkster Police Department where he spent 6 years, before coming to the Swartz Creek Police Department in 2002, where he was an SRO, Property Room Manager, and road officer. Chief Bade added that at Metro, Ken continued as an SRO at both the Swartz Creek, and Carmen-Ainsworth schools. Chief Bade recognized Ken’s creation of Camp 911, Cops-In-The-Park, and his bicycle giveaway during Christmas. Chief Bade added that Ken loved this community, and it was sad his career ended the way it did. Chief Bade presented a plaque to Ken Szmansky in recognition of his service, and invited everyone to stay after the meeting for the luncheon.

David Krueger asked Ken Szmansky if he wanted to say anything. Dennis Cramer asked Ken Szmansky if he would still be active in the community. Ken Szmansky said that one of the things he envisioned for himself was to find a way to help the community, and how to get the parks active again. Ken Szmansky added that the Women’s Club was imperative to what he had done along with the Mayor, and the Department. Ken Szmansky said that he was honored to say he retired from the Metro Police Authority.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Boots Abrams said it was a pleasure for the women's group to work with the Department, adding they loved Officer Ken, and had a lot off good times with him, and they were proud to be affiliated with the Department. Boots Abrams added that she hoped the rock-a-thon will continue and thanked the Department for letting them help.

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young gave kudos to the Department, and Chief Bade for their responsiveness. Chad Young requested that management and the board speak with the salvage inspector contractors as to the space now occupied by GAIN, and what can be done in the future with the facility at Mundy Township.

#### **BOARD COMMENT**

David Witter said they have had a number of people moving out of his subdivision and recently met a couple who were moving to Mundy Township from Holly. David Witter told the couple that they will see a Metro police car come through periodically, but not because there were problems, but just checking the area. David Witter said the couple related that they couldn't get a police response in their former area. David Witter added that while he was speaking with the couple, a Metro car drove by. David Witter reported that these people are really happy with the area because of Metro.

David Krueger said municipalities pride themselves on being a safe areas, and the place everyone wants to move to. David Krueger added that Art-In-The-Park is coming up this weekend.

Rae Lynn Hicks added that there will be 55 vendors at the park. Rae Lynn Hicks said it was already mentioned at the City Council meeting, but there is an ongoing problem with golf carts being driven on the road, and not where they're supposed to be.

Dennis Cramer thanked the department for everything. Dennis Cramer asked if the internet safety is up to date for the Department to which Chief Bade said yes.

Vane King addressed Ken Szmansky, and told him he would be missed. Vane King added that hopefully the Department can keep the kids engaged, and Ken's legacy alive. Vane King added that kids are a precious commodity, and it will serve us well to take care of them. Vane King also said that as elected officials it was important to remember that someday those children will be voters. Vane King addressed Ken Szmansky again saying he will be missed, and he did a great job.

Cory Bostwick thanked Ken Szmansky for his years of service. Cory Bostwick added that she had 2 sons that went through high school with Officer Szmansky. Cory Bostwick said that her sons related that Officer Szmansky was always fun, willing to make fun of himself, and that Officer Szmansky may not have realized the seeds he planted. Cory Bostwick added that her sons have also gone into careers of service as firefighters. Cory Bostwick again thanked Ken Szmansky for his years of service.

Tonya Ketzler said that they are working on the opening of 3 lanes to Hill Road to make it easier to get in and out for the department.

David Krueger said Vane King was right about the kids growing up and becoming voters. David Krueger addressed Ken that if he decided to consider politics in the future, he would already have a huge base of support.

#### **IV. ADJOURN**

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

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned 10:37 a.m.