

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2020

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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 Chair, Kay Doerr, on August 26, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Kay Doerr welcomed everyone asked Vane King to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kay Doerr requested that Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call of members present.

Present: Kay Doerr, David Krueger, Tonya Ketzler, Rae Lynn Hicks and Vane King.  
Cory Bostwick, was absent. Dennis Cramer was late to the meeting arriving at 10:24 a.m.

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Joel Grahn, and Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young.

**MINUTES**

Kay Doerr presented the minutes for approval. David Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes as written and submitted; Rae Lynn Hicks 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 printed; Tonya Ketzler seconded the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

**I. Reports and Communications to the Authority**

Kay Doerr offered praise for the Metro Police Authority, noting she has only heard good things about the department.

**II. Business Items:**

**A. Department Activity**

Chief Bade and Lt. Grahn reviewed some major cases the Authority has been working, including a homicide, a stabbing, a fatal motorcycle accident, and an intoxicated wrong-way driver on US-23. Chief Bade and Lt. Grahn also briefed the Board in regards to the Black Lives Matter protest, the Ghost Operation with Genesee County Sheriff's Department and it's use of the Authority's training room for incident command, and staff, and new Street-Smart software being used through a grant given to the Genesee County Prosecutor's office.

Chief Bade also reported that after doing a 2-month study about the number of walk-ins and calls after 4:00 p.m., office hours were changed to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**B. New Hires / Assignments**

Chief Bade reported Officer Ken Szmansky was going to be out for quite some time, and it was unlikely that he would be coming back. Chief Bade said that Officer Jeremy Pizzala had been assigned to GAIN, and part-time Officer Brian Abraham was hired full-time to fill the vacant SRO position at Swartz Creek. Chief Bade reported that Brendyn Claerhout had also been hired to a full-time position. Chief Bade said there would be a Sergeant promotion next month.

**C. President’s Executive Order for Best Practices**

Chief Bade reported that the Metro Police Authority follows each bullet point on the Order with the only outstanding being Accreditation, and that they are trying to determine exactly what that means.

**D. Vehicle Leasing**

Chief Bade reported that the Authority has entered into a contract with Enterprise for new vehicles that includes maintenance.

**E. \*Financials.**

1. Kay Doerr presented the Memorandum, Profit & Loss Budge vs Actual January through July 2020, and transaction list February though July 2020 as prepared by Shawna Farrell. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to approve the financials and check register. David Krueger seconded the motion.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **PPUs.** Chief Bade said he had talked with Chad Young and Adam Zettel and the PPU's will stay the same.
3. **CARES Grant.** Chief Bade reported that the Cares Grant has been submitted and that the Authority is looking at the grant for hazard pay to officers.

**F. FANG/GAIN Reports.** Kay Doerr said the May 2020 FANG activity report was included with the board packet. Dennis Cramer reported that there will be a Back the Badge fundraiser on 9/11/20 at the American Legion Post pavilion from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**G. Fundraising.** Rae Lynn Hicks reported that the Swartz Creek Women’s Club donates for the K-9 and may be doing Cans for K-9 instead of their regular fundraisers. Kay Doerr and Chief Bade thanked the Women’s Club for all they do.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young praised the Chief and the department for the prompt reaction where needed adding the department serves its purpose in the community. Chad Young also praised Sgt. McFadden for driving and advocating for the hotel initiative.

Lt. Grahn said the traffic car is working out great with the accidents which take a long time to process. Lt. Grahn said that Officer Hibben doesn't have to be pulled away from other resources to do follow up, and he can still be out there to address other complaints. Lt. Grahn added that he's doing a good job.

Chief Bade acknowledged that we were able to have the Agenda on the screens in the training room this month, and utilizing the equipment.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

David Krueger asked if the stress from the lock down was ramping up crime. Chief Bade said people were living outside their normal structure creates stress. Chief Bade said he doesn't think anything will change anytime soon. Chief Bade said the SOS dashboard released a paper showing an increase in opioid overdoses since the shutdown began. Kay Doerr added that we will see fallout and research for decades. Kay Doerr added that the temperature also is a factor in the amount of crime.

Rae Lynn Hicks remarked that the meeting room looks nice, and thanked the Chief for being at the City Council meetings. Chief Bade joked that they need more comfortable picnic benches.

Tonya Ketzler asked if there were any hotspots that the Authority needs help with. Chief Bade answered that the hotels are having problems but the Authority is working with managers and staff. Lt. Grahn added that retail and hotels seem to be the problem spots. Tonya Ketzler said that US-23 and Grand Blanc Road seems like an accident-prone area and wondered if they need to talk to the State. Chief Bade said the fatalities are due to construction and traffic. Chief Bade added that it's also the volume of traffic traveling in just 2 lanes, and said you don't realize the curves in the road unless you're looking for them.

Dennis Cramer said he's going to try to raise as much money as he can at the fundraiser on 9/11/20 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post.

Vane King said he thought it was great what's happening and the cooperation from other jurisdictions.

Rae Lynn Hicks asked about the work being done with Mari-Dan and Burkeshire. Chief Bade said he had talked with Officer Montney who was in charge of this initiative. Chief Bade said that they have a meeting scheduled soon, and that Burkeshire has had a change of management and now has a relationship with Mari-Dan. Chief Bade said they hope to bring Burkeshire into these meetings.

### **ADJOURN**

Dennis Cramer made a motion to adjourn; David Krueger seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:23 a.m.