

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

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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 Chairperson, Kay Doerr, on September 23, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Kay Doerr welcomed everyone and asked Dennis Cramer 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, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Cramer, Tonya Ketzler, Rae Lynn Hicks and Vane King.

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Sgt. Todd Johnson, CPA Shawna Farrell, Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young, and Swartz Creek City Manager, Adam Zettel.

**MINUTES**

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

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

**AGENDA**

Kay Doerr presented the agenda. Dennis Cramer made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Chief Bade asked that Lt. Grahn's name be changed to Sgt. Johnson; Dennis Cramer amended his motion to reflect the change; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

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

Kay Doerr reported that she's only heard good things about the Metro Police Authority. Sgt. Johnson reported that a group called the Ladies of Wyndemere made 30 individual boxes of cookies for the department employees. Sgt. Johnson added that it was very nice of them to do that for the department and everyone enjoyed the cookies.

**II. Business Items:**

**A. Department Activity**

Chief Bade reported that Lt. Grahn was on vacation and introduced the Board to Sgt. Todd Johnson. Chief Bade said that Steve McFadden has been promoted to full Sergeant, and is also on vacation. Chief Bade added that they will do the swear-in next month. Chief Bade reported that the department had entered into the agreement with Enterprise for vehicles. Sgt. Johnson reported that the department is staying busy, and that a previous reported incident from June, resulted in 2 counts of assault with intent to murder being issued by the prosecutor's office.

**B. Financials.**

Shawna Farrell did a review of the Profit & Loss statement noting the accounts that are expected to be under and over budget. There was discussion by Board members about specific accounts, ideas to keep costs down, and accounting for donations. Shawna Farrell also provided the Board with the monthly transaction list.

Kay Doerr asked for a vote. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the January through August 2020 Financial report, and August 2020 transaction list; Rae Lynn Hicks supported the motion.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Shawna Farrell said she also had the annual Application for Waiver for the OPEB plan underfunding which needed Board approval. Shawna Farrell explained that this is the third year the waiver has had to be submitted because of the terms of the Interlocal Agreement which required that the future healthcare liability be shared by the municipalities and Metro Police Authority. Shawna Farrell explained that because of this, the plan is tremendously underfunded because the liability is shared, and the waiver provides the explanation for the waiver request. Chief Bade also reported that the department received one-half of the payroll reimbursement from the State of Michigan, and that he and Shawna Farrell discussed some ideas where it could be used. Shawna Farrell reported that the Metro OPEB plan is funded at 34%, but if this reimbursement was contributed to the OPEB plan, it would raise it to 42% which would also affect the PPU calculations. There was further discussion among Board members about the reimbursement funds received, and a decision was made to wait and see if there would be additional reimbursement checks. Shawna Farrell indicated that she still needed the Board approval on the waiver. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to approve the waiver; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. Kay Doerr asked for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.**

- C. **FANG/GAIN Reports.** Dennis Cramer indicated he had not been to a meeting in a while because of COVID, but that the report was in the packet
- D. **Fundraising.** Cory Bostwick reported that she has had conversations with Shawna Farrell about fundraising and donations and asked Shawna to explain the difference. Shawna Farrell said that Metro can receive donations, but due to the structure of the Authority, Metro cannot hold fundraising events. Chief Bade said the idea came up so that Metro could pay for the annual MVP dinner. Cory Bostwick indicated that she would like the agenda to say donations instead of fundraising.

Dennis Cramer reported that the fundraiser he held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, where he accepted donations for signs which showed support for law enforcement, was very successful.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Swartz Creek City Manager Adam Zettel said it was good to see Metro driving through periodically during the evening while the kids are out for evening athletics at the park.

Mundy Township Manager Chad Young thanked the Metro Police Authority for their responsiveness. Chad Young added that he was happy to hear about Sgt. McFadden and his work as hotel liaison. Chad Young also said that the finishing touches were being done on the park and there will be a soft opening later.

## **BOARD COMMENT**

Cory Bostwick asked about when an ordinance officer would be taking the open cases. Chief Bade said that the department is transitioning with Officer Ortiz serving in 3 positions until school resumes at Carman-Ainsworth in November, and Officer Ellis is serving as the Swartz Creek safety officer. Chief Bade said that 2 part-time officers were in the process of being hired. Chief Bade added that one of the officers would be assigned and has code enforcement experience.

David Krueger said it was a good meeting and we're done early.

Chief Bade thanked David Krueger and Dennis Cramer for their work on the signs. Chief Bade said he knew their intent was to show support for the department and was very appreciative of their efforts.

Dennis Cramer said the signs could be a template for Genesee County. Dennis Cramer added that it was very rewarding, and that he has more signs for a donation.

Vane King said it was good meeting and liked the idea of police and community together.

Tonya Ketzler reported that the Mundy Township board passed a resolution supporting the Metro Police Authority and listed the Pillars of Excellence. Tonya Ketzler further stated that the Board recognized that Metro had already met the President's criteria for law enforcement, and that the Mundy Township board wanted to show their support, and to let Metro know they were not looking at any defunding. Chief Bade thanked Tonya Ketzler.

Tonya Ketzler also said that the polls will be open on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, if Officers could drive through periodically.

Tonya Ketzler also mentioned that incidents are being posted on social media and she questions the poster if they have called 911, and the response is we don't want to bother them. Tonya Ketzler asked if there was something they could do. Chief Bade said people have been trained for so long that 911 is for emergencies, but that all police dispatch is done through Genesee County 911. Chief Bade said he contributes to the Swartz Creek newsletter, and said he would address that topic.

Tonya Ketzler asked if the round-a-bout on Elms Road and Hill Road was a problem for the Authority with the gravel. Sgt. Todd Johnson said it's evident that someone has driven through it every weekend because the stones are scattered into the street. Tonya Ketzler said a letter about the area may be helpful to submit to the road commission. Chief Bade said the size of rocks in the round-a-bout could pose a liability. Kay Doerr said she had spoke to the engineer at the beginning of the project who said

they were going to take the rock out, and put cement in which never happened. Tonya Ketzler added that the issue now is who's going to pay for it.

Tonya Ketzler said she is worried about Scooters, COVID, and the large number of people there. Chief Bade said that Sgt. McFadden has had a very direct conversation with the owner who promised to get it under control. Kay Doerr said that from a public health standpoint, people can complain to the Attorney General's office. Kay Doerr added that businesses are getting huge fines because they refuse to comply with the guidance.

Kay Doerr said she had spoken with Lt. Grahn about a call she received from a resident who got a visit from Metro at 2:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Kay Doerr said that it appeared that a kid had called in distress, and the phone pinged at the resident's address. Kay Doerr said the resident told her that she was scared to death but that the Metro officers were so kind and professional and did everything they could to put her at ease. Kay Doerr commended the Authority and added that it was good to hear that kind of feedback.

## **ADJOURN**

Dennis Cramer made a made a motion to adjourn; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:03 a.m.