

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 5, 2021

10:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman
Petar Dragojevic – Police Commissioner Secretary
Gene Guernsey – Police Commissioner
Gene Ward – Police Commissioner
Tom Pawlak – Police Commissioner
Kosta Nuses – Assistant Chief of Police
W. Luther Cuttino – Chief of Police
Michael Deppe – Commission Attorney

Commissioner Poling asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated January 8, 2021, January 11, 2021 and January 29, 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Guernsey made a motion to accept January 8, 2021, January 11, 2021 and January 29, 2021 minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Pawlak.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any discussion.

Commissioner Poling stated all in favor signify by saying, “Aye.”
All replied, “Aye.”
Commissioner Poling stated, “Opposed, same sign.”

Hearing non Commissioner Poling stated, “Motion carries”.

ITEM II STATISTICS REPORT

The Chief of Police presented the December 2020 Monthly Statistical Report; 119 State Reports; 0 Fatalities; 132 Citations; 6 OWI Arrests; 33 Traffic Warnings; 70 Adult Arrests; 3 Juvenile Arrests; 2,137 Calls for Service; 169 Case Reports; 1 Homicides; 2 Robbery; 3 Battery; 6 Domestic Battery; 3 Residence Burglary; 1 Business Burglary; 6 Vehicle Theft; 6 Vehicle Recovery; 18 Auto Theft; 1 Shoplifting; and 169 False Alarms.

ITEM III LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from East Chicago Police Chief Bill Perry. East Chicago Police Department has donated equipment to the Merrillville Police Departments K9 Division. Equipment donated consist of 1 full bite suit, 1 bite sleeve, and a canine case for a patrol car.

ITEM IV OLD BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM V NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 977 approving full-time Records Secretary Olivia Bermudez effective from and after 12:01 AM, February 8, 2021.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept Resolution 977 and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Poling requested that Chief Cuttino take a roll call vote.

Chief Cuttino took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Dragojevic, "Aye"
Commissioner Guernsey, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote is unanimous, and the motion carries."

Motion was made to expire the 2020 Emergency Police Officer hiring list.

Commissioner Dragojevic made motion to expire list and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling requested that Chief Cuttino take a roll call vote.

Chief Cuttino took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Dragojevic, "Aye"
Commissioner Guernsey, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote is unanimous, and the motion carries."

ITEM VI

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dragojevic made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Guernsey.

Commissioner Poling stated all in favor signify by saying, "Aye."
All replied, "Aye."
Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."
Commissioner Poling stated, "Adjourn."

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.