

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 13, 2021

2:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Poling asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to remain standing afterwards for the invocation by Randy Scott.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated July 2, 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept July 2, 2021 minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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 none Commissioner Poling stated, “Motion carries”.

ITEM II STATISTICS REPORT

The Chief of Police presented the June 2021 Monthly Statistical Reports; 2,617 Calls for Service; 88 Adult Arrests; 135 total Citations.

ITEM III LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Poling read the letter of Commendation from the Portage Police Department for Sgt. DeSalle's involvement in the attempted straw gun purchase. Patrol Commander Bunnell would like to issue twelve hours of comp. time to Sgt. DeSalle for his efforts of taking the initiative to get involved by notifying the police agency involved which resulted in arrest.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to accept the letter of Commendation and for the twelve hours comp. time and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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 none Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries".

Commissioner Poling read the letter of Commendation from Lt. Berzac in regards to Officer Leto's lifesaving act. Officer Leto applied a tourniquet to a self-inflicted gunshot victim. With Officer Leto's activeness in various lifesaving training helped save the victim's life. I am recommending that Officer Leto be awarded a "Meritorious Police Duty" commendation which is for an act of intelligent and valuable police service demonstrating special faithfulness or perseverance.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept the letter of Commendation and award Officer Leto with "Meritorious Police Duty" and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

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 none Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries".

Commissioner Poling read the letter of Commendation from Lt. Berzac in regards to high productivity and arrests that have been made by the officers on his crew since the beginning of July, 2021. Lt. Berzac believes that these officers should be recognized for their

efforts, therefore he is recommending that the following Officers be awarded Level II commendations, Sgt. Lance Schmidt, Acting Corporal Curtis Minchuk, Ofc. M. Reynolds, Ofc. Sean Leto, Ofc. Samantha Jordan, Ofc. Mario Kloc, Ofc. Ryan Kijurna, Ofc. Nick Wright, and Ofc. K. Osborne.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to accept the letter of Commendation and award Sgt. Lance Schmidt, Acting Corporal Curtis Minchuk, Ofc. M. Reynolds, Ofc. Sean Leto, Ofc. Samantha Jordan, Ofc. Mario Kloc, Ofc. Ryan Kijurna, Ofc. Nick Wright, and Ofc. K. Osborne with Level II Commendation and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

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 none Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries".

Commissioner Poling read the letter of Commendation from Lt. Berzac in regards to Officer Leto. Lt. Berzac would like to make you aware of more outstanding police work by Officer Leto. Ofc. Leto was on patrol driving through the Red Roof Inn parking lot when he observed an occupied vehicle partially out of a parking space near this commission. He ran the plate to discover that the vehicle was stolen out of Speedway, Indiana. Ofc. Leto called for additional units and a felony stop was conducted, which led to the arrest of three individuals for auto theft and possession of over 100 grams of marijuana.

Ofc. Leto should also be recognized for quickly responding to a stabbing call and providing first aid to a female prior to the arrival of medics.

I believe that Ofc. Leto should be recognized for his efforts and that he be awarded a Level II commendation.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept the letter of Commendation and award Officer Leto with Level II commendation 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 none Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries".

Commissioner Poling read the letter of Commendation for Lt. Berzac in regards to Officers arresting a subject who robbed a woman in a wheelchair.

The officers' communication, observations, persistence and diligence led to the arrest of an armed robbery suspect with an extensive criminal history. The arrest resulted in Det. VanRite, presenting multiple felony charges. I believe that the officers should be recognized for their efforts and I am recommending that the following be awarded a Level II commendation for the great teamwork. Stg. Schmidt, K9 Goose, Ofc. Leto, Ofc. R. Kijurna, Ofc. Wright, and Det. VanRite.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept the letter of Commendation and award Sgt. Lance Schmidt, K9 Goose, Ofc. Leto, Ofc. R. Kijurna, Ofc. Wright, and Det. VanRite with Level II Commendation and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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 none Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries".

ITEM IV

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM V

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Poling read Resolution 980 Promoting Three Probationary Patrolman Kwata D. Osborne, Devante M. Bradley, and

Ian Davidson-Dugan to Second Class Patrolman effective from and after 12:01 AM, August 25, 2021.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to accept Resolution 980 and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

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 Poling, "Aye"

Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote is unanimous, and the motion carries."

Commissioner Poling read Resolution 981 Approving the Extention of Probationary Patrolman Classification for Joshua M. Galle until December 31, 2021 effective from and after 12:01 AM, August 25, 2021.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept Resolution 981 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 Poling, "Aye"

Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote is unanimous, and the motion carries."

Commissioner Poling read Resolution 982 Approving Part-Time Animal Control Officer Kelly C. Jania effective from and after 12:01 AM, August 16, 2021. This position will be for the duration of a

probationary period from this date and that the rate of pay will be set by the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept Resolution 982 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 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 Pawlak.

Commissioner Poling stated all in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

All replied, "Aye."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Adjourn."

Commissioner Poling stated next meeting will be Friday September 10, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

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