

POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

January 14, 2022

2:00 PM via Google Meets

IN ATTENDANCE: William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman
Petar Dragojevic – Police Commissioner Vice Chairman/Secretary
Thomas Pawlak – Police Commissioner
Eugene Guernsey – Police Commissioner
Gene Ward – 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.

Election of Police Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman/Secretary.

Commissioner Poling asked for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Guernsey nominated Commissioner William Poling for Chairman.

Commissioner Dragojevic seconded the motion.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any other nominations.

Hearing no other nominations 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 asked for nominations for Vice Chairman/Secretary.

Commissioner Ward nominated Commissioner Petar Dragojevic for Vice Chairman/Secretary.

Commissioner Guernsey seconded the motion.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing no other nominations, 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 I

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated November 5, 2021 and November 19, 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept November 5, 2021, and November 19, 2021, minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling asked if there were any discussion.

Hearing non Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries".

ITEM II

STATISTICS REPORT

The Chief of Police presented the October 2021 and November 2021 Monthly Statistical as presented.

ITEM III

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Poling read letter of Commendation from Commander Horvath recognizing Commander Dillahunty, Gonzales, and Cpl. Buck for stepping up in the time of need and taking their valuable time to assemble and present training material. Commander Horavth would like to present them with a Level I Commendation.

Commissioner Guernsey made a motion to accept the Level I Commendations for Cmdr. Dillahunty, Cmdr. Gonzales, and Cpl. Buck and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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

All replied, "Aye."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries."

Commissioner Poling read Letter of Commendation from Lt. Berzac recognizing Ofc. Jordan, Sgt. Schmidt, K9 Goose, Cpl. Minchuk, Ofc. Kijurna, and Ofc Osborne. Ofc. Jordan's observations, perseverance, and diligence led to the arrest of two suspects with extensive criminal histories, along with the recovery of their firearms. I recommend that she be awarded a Level II commendation. In addition, the great team work of Sgt. Schmidt/K-9 Goose, Cpl. Minchuk, Ofc. Kijurna, and Ofc Osborne assure the public that our officers are always ready, willing and able to protect and serve.

Commissioner Guernsey made motion to accept the Level II Commendation for Ofc. Jordan and added that Sgt. Schmidt/K-9 Goose Cpl. Minchuk, Ofc. Kijurna, and Ofc. Osborne also be awarded a Level II and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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

Commissioner Poling read Officer of the Year 2021 recommendation from Patrol Commander Bunnell. In reference to the Officer of the year program for 2021 I would like to nominate Lt. Berzac.

Commissioner Pawlak made motion to accept Lt. Berzac as Officer of the Year 2021 and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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

ITEM IV

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM V

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Cuttino presented the New Hire Eligibility list for the Position of Police Officer.

Commissioner Guernsey made a motion to ratify the New Hire eligibility list for Position of Police Officers and was seconded by Commissioner Dragoievic.

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."

Chief Cuttino read Resolution 984 Promoting Second Class Patrolman Jacob T. Olson and Thomas A. DeCero to First Class Patrolman effective from and after 12:01 AM, January 5, 2022.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept Resolution 984 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."

Chief Cuttino read Resolution 985 promoting Probationary Patrolman Taylor M. Hensley to Second Class Patrolman effective from and after 12:01 AM, January 12, 2022.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to accept Resolution 985 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 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 approve the start of the Promotion Eligibility list.

Commissioner Pawlak made motion to approve the process for the promotion eligibility list and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

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

All replied, "Aye."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Motion carries."

Officer Knight's submitted a request to reinstate his Incentive week. With review of the rules and regulations Officer Knight's request was denied.

Commissioner Dragojevic made motion to approve the denial 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, "Motion carries."

ITEM VI

ADJOURNMENT

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

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 the next regular meeting will be Friday February 4, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

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