

MERRILLVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
Merrillville Town Hall, 7820 Broadway

December 8, 2023

Regular Meeting called to order at 2:07 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman, Present
Petar Dragojevic – Police Commissioner Vice Chairman, Present
Michael Rich – Police Commissioner, Present
Thomas Pawlak – Police Commissioner, Present
Gene Ward – Police Commissioner, Present
Michael Deppe – Police Commission Attorney, Absent
Josh Gonzales – Assistant Chief of Police, Present
Konstantinos Nuses – Chief of Police, Present
Lori Sanfratello – Chief’s Executive Director, Present

A quorum is present.

Commissioner Poling asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for invocation by Paster Walton.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated November 3, 2023, as presented.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept November 3, 2023, minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

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 II STATISTICS REPORT

The Chief presented the October 2023 Monthly Statistical; 103 State reports; 22 Total injuries; 16 Hit and Runs; 4 OWI Arrests; 2,145 Calls for Services; 24 Thefts; 10 Vehicle Thefts; 10 Vehicle Recovery; 13 Battery; 12 Domestic Battery; 56 Other Citations.

ITEM III

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Poling asked for motion to Table the letter of Correspondence.

Commissioner Dragojevic made motion to Table the letter of Correspondence and was seconded by Commissioner Rich.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

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

Chief Nuses took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Aye"
Commissioner Dragojevic, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

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

ITEM IV

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM V

NEW BUSINESS

General Order 15.1 Firearms Proficiency - Amendment

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to amend General Order 15.1 Firearms Proficiency and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

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

Chief Nuses took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Aye"
Commissioner Dragojevic, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

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

General Order 15.2 Use of Force and Firearms to 15.2 Firearms -
Amendment

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to amend General Order 15.2 Use of Force and Firearms to 15.2 Firearms and was seconded by Commissioner Rich.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

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

Chief Nuses took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Aye"
Commissioner Dragojevic, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

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

General Order 15.6 Deadly Force - New

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to adopt General Order 15.6 Deadly Force and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Rich stated, "Definition 3, Line D, I have a problem with the wording about biological disease, virus or organism which is capable of causing serious bodily injury. I will be voting no because of that."

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

Chief Nuses took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Nay"
Commissioner Dragojevic, "Nay"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Nay"

Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote 3 to 2 Nays have it motion does not pass."

Commissioner Dragojevic asked, Commissioner Poling to retract his motion.

Commissioner Ward retracted the his vote.

Commissioner Poling asked Chief for another roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Nay"
Commissioner Dragojevic, "Nay"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"
Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Poling stated, "Vote 2 to 3 Ayes have it motion passes.

General Order 15.7 Electronic Control Devices - New

Commissioner Rich made a motion to adopt General Order 15.7 Electronic Control Devices and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

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

Chief Nuses took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Aye"
Commissioner Dragojevic, "Aye"
Commissioner Poling, "Aye"
Commissioner Pawlak, "Aye"

Commissioner Ward, "Aye

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

General Order 15.8 Uniform Statewide Defensive Tactics Training Program - New

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to adopt General Order 15.8 Uniform Statewide Defensive Tactics Training Program and was seconded by Commissioner Rich.

Commissioner Poling asked if there was any discussion.

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

Chief Nuses took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rich, "Aye"
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 Pawlak made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

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

All replied, "Aye."

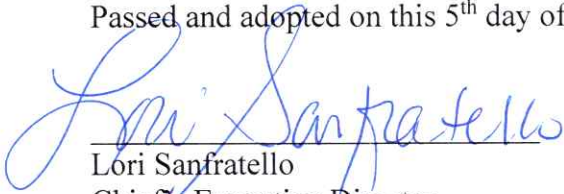
Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Adjourn."

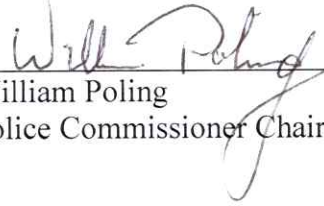
Commissioner Poling stated the next regular meeting will be Friday January 5, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at
2:21pm

Passed and adopted on this 5th day of January, 2024.



Lori Sanfratello
Chief's Executive Director
Police Commission Recorder



William Poling
Police Commissioner Chairman