

MERRILLVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES  
Merrillville Town Hall, 7820 Broadway

January 5, 2024

Regular Meeting called to order at 2:02 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, Absent  
Michael Deppe – Police Commission Attorney, Present  
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 Attorney Deppe.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated December 8, 2023, as presented.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept December 8, 2023, minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Rich.

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

NONE

ITEM III LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

ITEM IV OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Poling stating Letter has been rescinded.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to accept Rescinded letter and was seconded by Commissioner Pawlak.

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, Absent

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

ITEM V NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Poling read Resolution 1020 Approving Employment of Four Probationary Patrolmen Stanley Thompson Jr, Christopher Trotter-Borrelli, Thomas Sarsfield, and Roberto Espinosa effective from and after 12:01 AM, January 4, 2024. This position will be for the duration of a one-year probationary period from this date and that the rate of pay will be set by the Chief of Police for the first year of employment.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to accept Resolution 1020 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, Absent

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

Commissioner Poling read Resolution 1021 Approving Employment for a Full-Time Records Secretary Jeffrey Bunnell effective from and after 12:01 AM, October 2, 2023. This position will be for the duration of a one-year probationary period from this date and that the rate of pay will be set by the Chief of Police for the first year of employment.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to accept Resolution 1021 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, Absent

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

Commissioner Poling stated, "We will have an evidentiary hearing for the Grievance submitted at our next meeting."

Attorney Deppe stated for the record that the Police Commission does not have to review these, but they are doing it as a courtesy to address any type of problem. Anything 5 days or under are not appealable.

ITEM VI

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

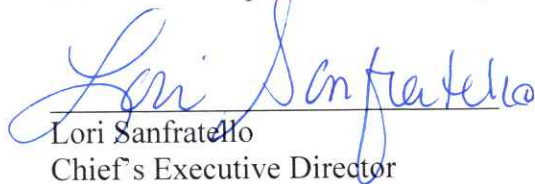
Commissioner Poling stated, "Opposed, same sign."

Commissioner Poling stated, "Adjourn."

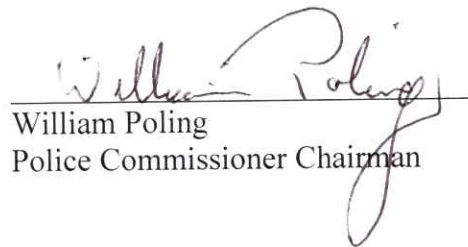
Commissioner Poling stated the next meeting will be Friday February 2, 2024, Executive session at 1:00 P.M. and regular meeting at 2:00 P.M.

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 2:12pm

Passed and adopted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024.



Lori Sanfratello  
Chief's Executive Director  
Police Commission Recorder



William Poling  
Police Commissioner Chairman