



POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 12th, 2022

LA PORTE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAIN FLOOR MEETING ROOM
1206 MICHIGAN AVENUE
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEIGANCE - 2:00 pm

Vice President Wally Brath called the regular meeting of the La Porte City Police Merit Commission to order. The Board members in attendance were Mr. Chalik. President Terry Scherer was unable to attend. Also, in attendance were, Chief Paul Brettin, Asst Chief Bill Degnegaard, Administrative Assistant Tricia Metts, Chief if Detectives Jim Ferguson, and City Council Member Roger Galloway.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As each member had received a copy of the minutes from June 14th, 2022, meeting, Vice President Wally Brath and Secretary Brian Chalik approved minutes as submitted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/EXPENSES

Correspondence – Nomination for award for two officers. Officer Atkinson and Officer Kajer. The nomination was for the two officers defusing a suicide attempt. Motion approved to issue the two officers an award.

Expenses – A claim in the amount of \$126.28 for services rendered by Tricia Metts for the period of June 6th, 2022 to June 19th, 2022.

A claim in the amount of \$126.28 for services rendered by Tricia Metts for the period of June 20th, 2022 to July 3rd, 2022.

Approved by Vice President Wally Brath, and Secretary Brian Chalik.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chief of Detectives Jim Ferguson is asking the Merit commission to possibly get rid of the past performances for the officers. Officers are complaining that there are some performance reviews not graded fairly. Chief Brettin is backing Ferguson. Brettin mentioned service reviews are needed. Mr. Brath is asking if we should speak with the FOP to get their opinion on this matter and what they think is fair. Brettin mentioned what if we cut the performance in half so that the testing for promotions count the most. The test is in August, so the decision will need to be made soon.

VI. APPLICANTS

Chief Brettin said Tempest Miller has gone for her physical and PERF will be on July 15th. Hopefully this will be fast so she can start working for the department.

VII. CLOSING COMMENTS

Equipment for the ERT is coming in and they are almost fitted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 2:29 pm

The meeting was adjourned by the motion made by Mr. Brath and seconded by Mr. Chalik. Unanimously carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Brian Chalik
Secretary
La Porte City Police Merit Commission