

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners for the Town of Speedway held its regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 10:30 AM, in the Conference Room of the Police Headquarters Building, at 1410 N. Lynhurst Drive, Speedway, Indiana. Those present were Commissioners Edward F. Breen, James G. Ochs and Phill B. Smith and Chief James E. Campbell, Asst. Chief Charles K. Upchurch, Capt. Jason S. Dierdorff and Admin Coord. Sarah Edie. Present in the audience was Mr. Dean Farmer, a Speedway resident.

The minutes of the October 10, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.

There were no petitions from the audience.

An update on the 2017 Budget was given by Chief Campbell. He stated that the Officers voted 34 to 1 in favor of a new two year contract offering a 2.5% increase in base pay for each of the two years along with four floating holidays per year. A brief discussion was held regarding coverage for shift shortages and the availability of Reserves to fill the gaps for the floating holidays. It was thought that the Town Council and those representing the Town tried to show their appreciation to the police officers and did what they could do from a financial standpoint. Chief Campbell also reported that he had discussed the request for replacement of the department's eleven administrative/detective vehicles, which was included in the capital portion of the 2017 Budget, with Town Council President, David Lindsey. It was learned that this subject has not been discussed as yet due to the filling of the vacant Town Manager's position and a vacancy on the Redevelopment Commission. It was concluded that the subject of car replacement probably will not be addressed until after the first of the New Year.

Chief Campbell reported that due to the resignation of Town Manager, Ian Nicolini, the Town Council will hold staff meetings with Department Heads until that position is filled.

The Commissioners were informed that Fr. Dan and Rev. Darryl Roach are no longer Chaplains for the Department. It was also noted that Fr. Dan's replacement at St. Christopher Catholic Church, Fr. Matt, will not have time to devote to the Chaplain's position. As of now, the Department has two vacancies in the Chaplain Division.

Discussion regarding an application for the Reserve Division from Ray Hurt, which needs to be discussed in an Executive Session, was postponed until December. The Commissioners concurred to hold an Executive Session on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 10:00 AM, prior to the regular meeting to be held at 10:30 AM.

An update on the Reserve and V.I.P. Divisions was given by Capt. Dierdorff. He reported that the three Reserves are continuing with and progressing in the FTO Program. It was also noted that the Tier II training for seven V.I.P.s went very well with their graduation scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016, as a part of the Citizen's Academy graduation.

No words were needed regarding the refurbished Conference Room as its improvements were apparent to all those present. The room was in dire need of new carpet and furniture after 20 years use of the original furnishings. Chief Campbell complimented Asst. Chief Upchurch for making the necessary contacts along with Sarah and Sandi for their input in getting it all pulled together. The room looks very professional and will probably last for another 20 years.

Capt. Dierdorff reported that the recent Shred It event was again very successful with an amount of almost \$5,000.00 taken in at the Speedway Police Department to support Crime Stoppers. The weather was great and without the help of the Reserve Division and the other volunteers that helped it would not have been possible to do what was done. Appreciation was expressed to those that volunteered their services for this important event.

An update on the Citizen's Academy was given by Admin. Coord. Edie. She reported that graduation ceremonies for fifteen individuals from the seventh Citizen's Academy class along with seven individuals from the Tier II V.I.P. training class will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 6:30 PM, in the Speedway High School Auditorium. A small reception will be held in the cafeteria following the ceremonies for the graduates and their guests. Chief Campbell complimented Admin. Coord. Edie for the enormous amount of time and effort she devotes to coordinating the Citizen's Academy.

Chief Campbell reported that the Student Academy, which is similar to the Citizen's Academy, is an effort in the high school to interact with the teenagers. School Resource Officer Mark Jones conducted an Academy class of 15 to 18 students during the summer and recently conducted another class during the fall semester, both of which he felt were very successful. It was noted that this is an outreach program that is positive and has a lot of merit.

Several meetings of area Chiefs of Police have been held recently to discuss major issues or concerns that are occurring, which Chief Campbell and Asst. Chief Upchurch have attended. As an example, Chief Troy Riggs of Indianapolis had a meeting regarding the Roll Call shootings they recently experienced and last week he hosted a meeting which included area ministers who make up the Community Response Team which responds to various incidents/happenings. Chief Campbell indicated that the meetings with area Chiefs of Police shows some of the best

networking he has seen in law enforcement. He stated that the Speedway Police Department will continue to be involved with this group.

The Commissioners were reminded that Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry will be at Charlie Brown's for a luncheon meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 12:30 PM.

An update report on injured Officers Bradley Weaver and Jereme Howery was given by Capt. Dierdorff. He stated that Officer Weaver started on some light duty today working with the Code Enforcement unit, however, it may be another three months of physical therapy before he may be able to come back on a full time basis. Officer Howery is to see his doctor on December 5, at which time he will be released for full time duty if his progression is deemed to be satisfactory.

Admin. Coord. Edie reported that no word has been received regarding the new CAD system. She is unaware of a new contract being signed so everything is still in a waiting game. It is hoped that something will be learned before the end of this year.

Capt. Dierdorff noted a couple of upcoming events in Speedway. There will be a Pub 2 Pub 5K Run at Big Woods on Saturday, November 26, 2016, which will be completely managed by Tuxedo Brothers who will be hiring off-duty officers for the event. Limited traffic restrictions will be necessary for it. Also, Light the Night on Main will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, which will only require closure of Main Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Asst. Chief Upchurch announced that the Department Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 16, 2016, at 6:00 PM, in the conference area of Speedway Indoor Karting on Main Street.

Chief Campbell reported that the garage for storage of police motorcycles will be built on property at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Ron Fisher was commended for his idea of the building and his efforts in getting the project accomplished. It is thought that the building will be ready by the end of November.

Commissioner Smith asked if anything has been learned regarding insurance coverage for the V.I.P.s. Chief Campbell indicated that the request was forwarded to the Clerk-Treasurer but nothing has been learned as yet. The Chief will remind the Clerk-Treasurer of the request. Commissioner Smith also asked if the Department has a copy of insurance coverage on file for the Reserve Officers. The Department does not have a copy of such insurance coverage.

Chief Campbell noted that he and Asst. Chief Upchurch recently attended the IACP Conference in San Diego, CA. Many of the speakers were informative, however, this year's

Conference was primarily about cameras and the many unknowns about them. The Conference continues to be a great opportunity to find out what is going on nationally and internationally. It also provides a time for the Indiana Delegation to meet, have lunch, and discuss issues. In addition, it provides the largest demonstration of police equipment available. Attendance at the Conference is a good networking event and gives the opportunity to determine what is happening elsewhere.

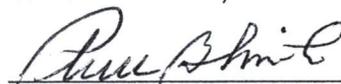
Admin. Coord. Edie reported that she recently attended a CALEA Conference in Charleston, S. Carolina. She indicated that it was very interesting with many fascinating classes available to attend.

The next meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners was scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016, in the Conference Room of the Police Headquarters Building, at 1410 N. Lynhurst Drive, Speedway, IN.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

  
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James G. Ochs, Chairman

  
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Edward F. Breen, Vice-Chairman

  
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Phill B. Smith, Secretary