
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the City of Bloomington City Council Chambers located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Kim Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 6pm. Board Members Rachel Guglielmo, Natalia Galvan, Isak Asare Nti and Shruti Rana were present.

Also in attendance were Board Secretaries Jazmyn Forte and Heather Whitlow, Fire Deputy Chief Jayme Washel, Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron, Police Chief Michael Diekhoff, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Isak Nti Asare moved to approve the meeting minutes from the January 17, 2023, regular session. Board Member Natalia Galvan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel both affirmed the payroll claims.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented the monthly statistics and training.

Board President Kim Gray asked about the uptick in calls for service in January. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if any of the statistics were surprising. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked if quiet night calls were reflected in the statistics and how they were handled. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked about starting a catalytic convertor program. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented one letter of appreciation.

General Business:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff spoke on the State of Public Safety Report, hiring a social worker to work in dispatch and the Mayor's announcement for the new incentive to hire more police officers.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff spoke on a dispatch equalization payment and a \$24,000 architect fee going towards the purchase of the new showers west building.

Personnel:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff announced that five new officers had started the day before, that currently there is 88 sworn officers out of 105, and there are two sworn officers going through the background check process. He also announced that they were in the process of conducting interviews for Community Service Specialists and that they have opened up a new position called a Talent Acquisition Specialist.

Board President Kim Gray asked questions about the new Talent Acquisition Specialist position. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff presented CIRT Deployment Report. There were no deployments.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked about how staffing levels look on each shift. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked about the new police incentive and if it applied to existing officers. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare mentioned how seeing the stats overall was helpful. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff offered presenting more yearly and historical information.

Board Member Shruti Rana asked if seeing statistic pre-pandemic and post-pandemic would be possible. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if the two police officers we acquired from other agencies were from Indiana agencies. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked about how incentives were being sent out to prospective officers. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented the monthly statistics and training.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked how the statistics and data was looking year-to-date. Fire Assistant Tania Daffron answered.

Board President Kim Gray ask about how EMT and Fire complement each other and who usually arrives at an emergency scene first. Fire Assistant Tania Daffron answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked if there was a release about the Mobile Integrated Healthcare service. Fire Assistant Tania Daffron answered.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented four letters of appreciation.

General Business:

Fire Deputy Chief Jayme Washel spoke on different station renovations and an IU athletics event that was attended to recruit for the fire department.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Deputy Chief Jayme Washel explained that they will be purchasing PPE and two new vehicles.

Personnel:

Fire Deputy Chief Jayme Washel explained that there were three firefighters coming off probation, three on light duty, one sick and another on FMLA. They anticipate being down 15 firefighters by March 12th. He announced that they were hiring for additional mobile integrated healthcare workers and where they are in the interview process. He also explained that they applied for a grant. They asked for approximately 1.6 million dollars to enhance their program and staffing.

Board President Kim Gray asked who the grantor of the grant. Fire Deputy Chief Jayme Washel answered.

Board Member Shruti Rana asked about the statue of the dog at one of the stations and what would happen to it during renovations. Fire Deputy Chief Jayme Washel answered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Isak Nti Asare moved to keep Kim Gray as Board President. Board Member Natalia Galvan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare moved to promote Natalia Galvan to Board Vice-President. Board Member Rachel Guglielmo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare signed and filled out conflict of interest forms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

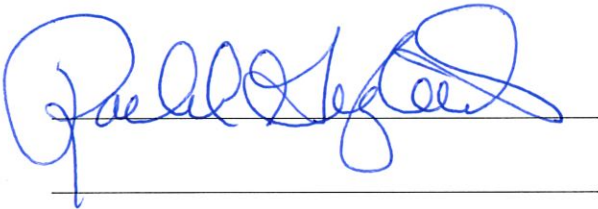
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.

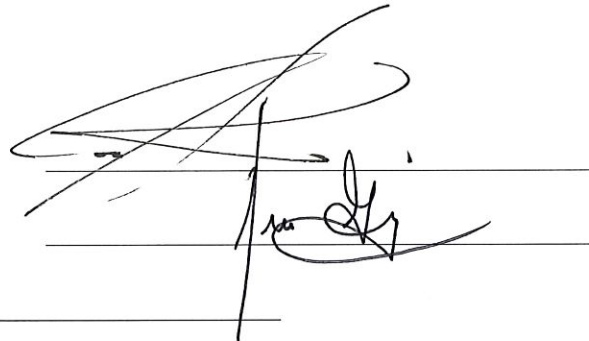
Respectfully submitted,

Jazmyn Forte, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the February 21st, 2023 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 18th day of April, 2023.



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