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## **BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the McCloskey Room, Room 135, City of Bloomington located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Member Shruti Rana called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board Members Rachel Guglielmo, and Isak Asare Nti were present.

Board President Kim Gray and Board Member Natalia Galvan were not present.

Also in attendance were Interim Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin, Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron, Police Captain Myrick Williams, Police Captain Ryan Pedigo, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, City Attorney Mike Rouker, and Board Secretary Ashley Sparks. See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Board Member Isak Nti Asare moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 16, 2023, regular session. Board Member Rachel Guglielmo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

### **VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL**

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Interim Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin both affirmed the payroll claims for June 16, June 30, and July 14, all in the year of 2023.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:**

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

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo explained the new dispatch system and the State legislation mandating the change. Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked if all police departments statewide use the same software. Police Captain Ryan Pedigo answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the number of calls being reported represent all calls to 911. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked for a breakdown of the range of different kinds of calls that are received, based on the increase of calls. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

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Board Member Isak Nti Asare commented on the immediate response when seeing those numbers as a concern for an increase in crime and asked if workload has also increased dramatically for police. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the numbers represent multiple calls from the same caller. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare commented on the nuisance call slide and the effect of removing nuisance calls from the overall call number. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Board Member Shruti Rana asked if there are any increases in population versus last summer. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked if the population has returned to pre-COVID numbers. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked if there have been more social welfare calls. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked if there are other counties and cities experiencing similar patterns. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if dispatch is in disarray due to staffing issues. Police Captain Ryan Pedigo answered. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham provided additional commentary.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked clarifying questions about increases in other departments, such as Fire and EMT. Police Captain Myrick Williams answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if his calculation of approximately 15,000 calls per month across the county was accurate. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the new dispatch software will change the way data is collected to have a more automated data collection process. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked why the level of specificity will change if calls will still be placed in a general bucket to be fine-tuned for statistics later anyway. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked what resources are needed and what recommendations the Board of Public Safety should be making to assist Police with these issues. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked about barriers that prevent data from being accurate as soon as the calls come in. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered. Police Captain Ryan Pedigo commented.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the 2021-2022 totals on the statistics slides are complete yearly totals or Year-to-Date totals. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

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Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if it was strange that there is a smaller gap in arrest numbers versus that in the number of crimes committed. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the numbers reflected multiple offenders. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered. Board Member Isak Nti Asare commented.

General Business:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham asked if there were any additional questions or comments on the taser policies provided by Police Chief Michael Diekhoff in the June meeting.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo indicated that she sent questions to Police Chief Michael Diekhoff via email.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked what the next steps are in the process. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked about issuing a report to indicate the Board's thoughts on the matter for transparency. Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler answered. Board Member Shruti Rana commented.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked questions about the pilot period that has been suggested and concerns there may be with it. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham spoke on expenditures, including the continued costs of new vehicles and K9 equipment.

Personnel:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo spoke on the hiring process that is currently underway and where candidates are in the process.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked how many applicants are currently in the process. Police Captain Ryan Pedigo answered.

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham stated that there are 2 officers (supervisors) on long-term sick leave or light duty.

**CIRT/ARV REPORT**

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated no CIRT/ATV Deployments for this reporting period.

An additional discussion took place at this time as Board Member Isak Nti Asare brought up concerns regarding the incentives for Police Department employees and the potential for data collection as it pertains to the lack of applicants or long-tenured officers. The desire to better understand the lack of

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motivation for pursuing employment was expressed by Board Member Isak Nti Asare. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham agreed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented the monthly statistics.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare commented that it would be useful to include Year-to-Date response times on the statistics presentations. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron responded.

Board Member Shruti Rana commented on the possibility of the smallest amount of time causing a seemingly big difference in numbers. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron responded.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the numbers are concerning for Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron responded.

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented on training and education, citing 18 new hires since mid-June and 2 additional hires beginning training on July 24.

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented Mobile Integrated Healthcare statistics and successes. Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked what the "Screening Calls" line represents on the graph. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron answered.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented one letter of appreciation.

Board Member Shruti Rana stated she had seen the Fire Department working on the Library Mulching Community Project Day.

General Business:

Interim Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated the absence of General Business to discuss.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Interim Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated that there are no expenditures that have not been discussed in recent meetings.

Personnel:

Interim Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin stated that there are no members of the Fire Department on long-term FMLA, but there are two employees on intermittent parental leave.

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Interim Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated the Department is down two firefighters and 1 chauffeur at this time. Two new firefighters are completing training soon and a large batch of firefighters will complete training in November.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if there is a ceremony when batches of new firefighters complete training. Police Assistant Chief Tania Daffron answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare requested the Board be kept informed of celebration dates. Police Assistant Chief Tania Daffron responded.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

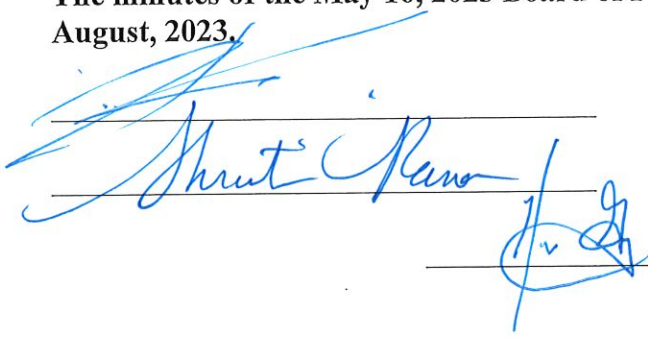
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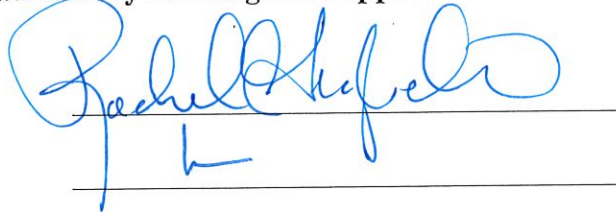
Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sparks, Recording Secretary  
Board of Public Safety

**The minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.**

  
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