

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, December 19, 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 President Kim Gray called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Board Members Barbara McKinney, Isak Nti Asare and Rachel Guglielmo were present in person and Board Member Natalia Galvan was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Jason Moore, Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin, Police Chief Michael Diekhoff, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captian Myrick Williams, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, and Board Secretary Ashley Sparks. See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare made a motion to move the Fire Department's promotions to the start of the meeting. Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare made a motion to promote Logan Deck to the rank of Chauffeur, effective December 11, 2023. Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

Board Member Barbara McKinney made a motion to promote Kenny Hinkle to the rank of Captain, effective January 1, 2024. Board Member Isak Nti Asare seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo made a motion to promote Robert McWhorter, Jr., to the rank of Captain, effective December 11, 2023. Board Member Isak Nti Asare seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare made a motion to promote Victor Volrath III to the rank of Chauffeur, effective December 11, 2023. Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare addressed all promoted employees and their families with thanks for their service.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Kim Gray certified the executive session held earlier that evening.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 21, 2023, regular session. Board Member Isak Nti Asare seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Fire Chief Jason Moore both affirmed the payroll claims for November 17 and December 1, both 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.

Board President Kim Gray asked if the officer who attended the ILEA training was responsible for training the rest of the team on what was learned. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham confirmed that this is the case.

Letters of Appreciation/Commendation:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated a letter of appreciation to be presented in the January meeting regarding the re-folding of an American flag for the widow of a Vietnam Veteran.

General Business:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff informed the board that the Police Social Worker program is gaining more traction and other agencies are coming to shadow the PSWs, namely officers and social workers from Illinois.

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff informed the board of a training he attended in early December for the Department of Justice's efforts to reduce violent crimes.

Board President Kim Gray asked if the DOJ training was in Washington, D.C. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated that the training was in Indianapolis.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked for an outline of main takeaways from the U.S. Attorney General's presentation during the DOJ training. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated that he was glad to obtain more knowledge on the Federal government's Safe Neighborhood programs and hopes to implement some of the same strategies in Bloomington.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham stated that there are still vehicle purchases coming through, as well as end of year replacements of radios and other replenishments.

Personnel:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated that there are currently 85 sworn officers in the Department, with 6 more officers recently sworn in or in various stages of the hiring and training process.

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated that there are still interviews pending for the CSS positions, as well as the dispatch social worker.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated 1 deployment of the CIRT vehicle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESSReport on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Chief Jason Moore presented the monthly statistics.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the reporting software could be changed. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered that this is the interface created for the export of the CAT information and certain data points are unable to be processed properly, but the Department is trying to find other ways to present more accurate information.

Board President Kim Gray commented on the remarkable nature of the inspection goals, as more buildings and apartment complexes have been built this year. Police Chief Jason Moore indicated that the apartment complexes are primarily handled through HAND, but that BFD does perform the initial fire inspection.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if initial inspections of new buildings have yielded notable results and the finding of imminent fire hazards. Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated that there have been great results from the Department's inspection of and focus on high-risk places.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare requested an extra bar on the bar charts to show cumulative numbers.

Board Member Rachel Guglielmo asked when the MIH program began. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin said that this program began last year.

Fire Chief Jason Moore presented 3 letters of appreciation.

General Business:

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated that there are currently 5 vacancies and 5 recruits in the hiring process.

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated that there will be 4 captains and the Interim Fire Chief who will be retiring in 2024.

Fire Chief Jason Moore discussed the status of construction on Stations 1 and 3. The completion of Station 1 is anticipated for October of 2024. Construction on Station 3 has been paused at this time.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated some purchases for new fire gear and a \$7-9 thousand purchase for a machine that washes non-cloth PPE.

Personnel:

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated a last day of December 31 with Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr taking his place at that time.

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated that Deputy Chief Max Litwin had been named the official Deputy Chief, rather than serving in an interim capacity.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare made a motion to reinstate the employment of firefighter Johnathan Young. Board Member Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Isak Nti Asare made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sparks, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the December 19, 2023 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 20th day of February, 2024.




