
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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 Barbara McKinney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members Maqubè Reese, Philip Amerson and Jon Barada were present in person.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Roger Kerr, Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin, Police Chief Michael Diekhoff, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Myrick Williams, and Legal Administrative Assistant Ashley Sparks. See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Jon Barada made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting. Board Member Philip Amerson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Board Member Maqubè Reese was late and not present for the approval of minutes.

VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Fire Chief Roger Kerr both affirmed the payroll claims for February 23 and March 8, both in the year of 2024.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

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

Board President Barbara McKinney asked what LEADS online training is. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham described the LEADS service and its benefits.

Board Member Reese asked if the incoming Tasers and applicable training will be available on the training reports in the future. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered affirmatively.

Board Member Reese asked if the Police Social Workers have the ability to use Tasers. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered no.

Board President Barbara McKinney asked if all officers will be required to carry Tasers. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff answered affirmatively.

Letters of Appreciation/Commendation:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented an email showing appreciation from the Mayor for an act of kindness by an officer.

General Business:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff spoke of the upcoming events that will necessitate overtime hours worked by officers, including the solar eclipse, Little 500 race, and a concert on campus.

Board President Barbara McKinney asked how much the eclipse will affect the police department. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff stated that he is uncertain, but that other communities have reported an inundation of people. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff urged everyone to stay home if possible.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff discussed the purchase of vehicles, estimating the cost at over \$500,000.

Personnel:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated that the Department has 3 officers on light duty, 1 officer pending retirement, 1 in the Academy, and 1 in the FTO program at this time. This brings the total number of officers available to work to 81. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff informed the board that the Department is authorized to employ 105 officers.

Board Member Jon Barada asked for clarification on the term “authorized.” Police Chief Michael Diekhoff clarified, explaining that the Department has the budget to employ 105 officers.

Board Member Jon Barada asked how the number of authorized officers is determined. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff explained that there is no exact science or calculation that he is aware of, as it depends on community size, as well as other factors.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated no deployments of the CIRT vehicle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin presented the monthly statistics.

Board Member Maquibè Reese asked for future charts to have larger print, as they are hard to read when printed off. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin explained the numbers on the charts a bit more. Fire Chief Roger Kerr stated that a new layout will be utilized for the presentation in next month’s meeting.

Board Member Jon Barada asked what the red line on the Training and Trends chart is for. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin explained that the red line indicates the training goal.

Board Member Jon Barada asked if the Stride Center is functioning as it was intended to function at its inception. Police Chief Michael Deikhoff responded that it works in some cases, however not as it was originally intended to function. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin added that it all revolves around patient advocacy, for which the MIH program does seem to be helping.

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin presented 1 letter of appreciation.

General Business:

Fire Chief Roger Kerr indicated that Headquarters is on track to be reopened from its remodel in October and that other remodels will begin this summer.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Chief Roger Kerr indicated no large purchases for January.

Personnel:

Fire Chief Roger Kerr indicated that there are 3 recruits in Recruit School, 4 are off, and there are 3 openings that are anticipated to be filled this fall.

Board Member Maquibè Reese expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for the all-female crew that had just been highlighted in the news and the monument placed for Bloomington's 1st African American firefighter, James "Snooky" Hopkins.

Board Member Philip Amerson expressed concern about the severity of the recent accident at the intersection of 10th & Walnut Streets, stating that there is not a posted speed limit sign that he has seen. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff informed the Board that any issues such as speed limit signage is a Public Works function and therefore needs to be addressed by Public Works. Board President Barbara McKinney suggested contacting Adam Wasson in Public Works with the concern.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Philip Amerson made a motion to appoint Board Member Maquibè Reese as Vice-Chair of the board. Board President Barbara McKinney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Jon Barada made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sparks, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 16th day of April, 2024.




