
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the City of Bloomington McCloskey Conference Room located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

President Susan Yoon called the meeting to order at about 6:15 p.m. Other Board members present were: Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Maqubé Reese, Rafi Hasan and Kim Gray.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

Susan Yoon welcomed Rafi Hasan to the Board. Board member Hasan introduced himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Yoon introduced the approval of the July 16, 2019 minutes. Rafi Hasan noted a typographical error. Luis Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Maqubé Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried with Rafi Hasan abstaining.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Susan Yoon certified that the Executive Session was for receiving information concerning the Todd, Garrison and Waggoner disciplinary matters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Fire Fighter Todd

Mike Rouker presented Chief Moore's disciplinary recommendation concerning major misconduct of Probationary Fire Fighter Todd. The Chief recommended that the Board find that major misconduct was committed by Todd and to formally withdraw Todd's offer of employment and that he be discharged immediately.

Board President Yoon called for any discussion. There being no discussion Maqubé Reese made a motion to uphold Chief Moore's recommendation; Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Fighter Waggoner

Mike Rouker presented Chief Moore's disciplinary recommendation concerning minor misconduct of Probationary Fire Fighter Waggoner. The Chief recommended that the Board find that minor misconduct was committed by Waggoner and to formally suspend, without pay, Waggoner for a period of forty-eight (48) hours.

Board President Yoon called for any discussion. There being no discussion Maqubé Reese made a motion to uphold Chief Moore's recommendation; Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Fighter Garrison

Mike Rouker presented Chief Moore's disciplinary recommendation concerning major misconduct of Probationary Fire Fighter Garrison. The Chief recommended that the Board find that major misconduct was committed by Garrison and to formally withdraw Garrison's offer of employment and that he be discharged immediately.

Board President Yoon called for any discussion. There being no discussion Maqubé Reese made a motion to uphold Chief Moore's recommendation; Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Training and Incident Reports and Statistics; Letters of Appreciation and Commendation

Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel reported on the monthly statistics. Brief discussion was held on response time and community education.

There were letters of appreciation and commendation. BFD was commended for its work to free a young lady stuck in an elevator. There was also a thank you for a presentation held at Hanapin Marketing.

General Business – Deputy Chief Washel noted all apparatus' in service.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurement

Deputy Chief Washel noted that the department will have a software purchase and noted another fire engine purchase. Board Member Gray ask for details on software purchase. Washel explained it is for data analysis.

Personnel Issues

Deputy Chief Washed reviewed stats on employee on light duty

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports; Letters of Appreciation and Commendation

Deputy Police Chief Joe Qualters reported on the monthly statistics, training and letters of appreciation and commendation. Susan Yoon questioned call volume and how the student population impacts that. Qualters said that the stats are now showing that the volume doesn't go down during the summer as they have in the past. He did note aggravated assaults are up and simple assaults were down.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer asked how Bloomington compares to other cities. Deputy Police Chief Qualters stated that they are getting a better idea of that because of using a new stat reporting system, NIBRS. Discussion was held on reporting. Board member Rafi Hasan noted cycles that happen and Qualters agreed. Qualters presented training and community engagement information which included the National Night Out Event and active shooter training.

Qualters reviewed, as per the Board's, request, stats on the social work and neighborhood resource specialists. Discussion was held on referrals from and to these employees.

Discussion was held on hate crime stats; Qualters noted this is reported on a quarterly basis. Susan Yoon requested that they see stats on that in next month's report.

Discussion was held on the City's night ambassador and the neighborhood specialist as well as further discussion on active shooter training availability. Deputy Fire Chief Washel noted a training with Indiana University simulating active shooter at a football game and emergency response to that situation.

Two letters of appreciation were noted concerning Detective Mike Baker and Detective McCamey in assisting U.S. Marshalls in an investigation. There was also a thank you for Coffee with a Cop at the College Mall and a thank you for keeping everyone safe at the Farmer's Market.

General Business

Deputy Chief Qualters noted that Chief Diekhoff was presenting the department's annual budget in which the department is requesting two additional officers.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements

Deputy Chief Qualters noted that the Dept. plans to buy body cams.

Personnel Issues

Captain Ryan Pedigo reported on personnel issues.

CIRT Deployment Report – None

REVIEW OF BPS PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Police Chief Diekhoff and Deputy Fire Chief Washel agreed the payrolls and claims were correct. Board signed the claims.

BOARD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on outdoor public event safety protocol.

It was noted that Labor Day weekend will be full of public events locally and the Board and Chiefs generally discussed how resources are allocated.

Deputy Chief Qualters noted that they allocate resources based on many factors such as type of event, location, history of event, climate and whether the event is private or public. He noted that during Labor Day weekend almost all officers are working.

Luis Fuentes-Rohwer had questions on a recent arrest at the Farmer’s Market. Discussion was held on protocol in general and facts on the arrest with Deputy Police Chief Qualters presenting facts about the incident. Qualters directed the Board to the Department’s General Order which is the procedure and policy for arrests, handling and transportation of detainees.

Police Chief Diekhoff noted that decisions were made on safety of officers and safety of the person being arrested for handcuffing this individual. Chief Diekhoff referenced national standards and training in which it is advised to handcuff subjects. Diekhoff noted that the department received lots of thanks as well as criticism and hoped the Board understands the difficult situation that the Department is in.

Further general discussion was held on the recent arrest at the Farmer’s Market, KKK posters and basic safety protocol of outdoor public events.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AJOURNMENT

Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Whitlow, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the August 20, 2019 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 17th day of September 2019.

