
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the City of Bloomington McCloskey Conference Room located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board member, Susan Yoon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board members present were: Maqubé Reese, Kim Gray, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer and Rafi Hasan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members unanimously approve minutes from January 21, 2020.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Vote on New Candidate for Hire:

Captain Joseph Qualters explains that the new hire candidate has withdrawn and taken a position elsewhere.

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

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff reviews new monthly statistics and training. Board member Rafi Hasan inquires about training practices including requirements and protocols. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff addresses his questions and concerns. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff talked about the notes of commendation received for Officer Kyle Thomas who assisted a civilian with their vehicle.

General Business:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff introduces the two new Neighborhood Resource Specialists, Vicki Minder and Jessica Oswald. The Neighborhood Resource Specialist assists with minor complaints and other areas an officer may not have the time to address. Vicki Minder and Jessica Oswald both give a brief introduction.

Personnel Issues:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff discussed the seven openings within the department.

CIRT/ARV Deployment Report:

There was no CIRT/ARV deployment.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

There were no police department expenditures discussed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESSReport on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports; Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel reported on the monthly statistics and training. Board member Rafi Hasan inquires about training practices including requirements and protocols. Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel addresses his questions and concerns. There were a few letters of appreciation from the chili cook off. Captain Thompson and the team were recognized for their assistance with a possible fire.

General Business:

There was no discussion held on general business.

Personnel Issues

Deputy Fire Chief Jayme Washel states they have five new recruits that will start on March 9th. The Bloomington Fire Department will be participating in active recruiting and a new hiring process this spring, in May or June.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurement:

Deputy Fire Chief Washel reviews the cost of the new fire engine that recently had its “Push in Ceremony” at the Woodlawn station. He also stated there will be two other new engines purchased later this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Susan Yoon initiates the discussion of a letter received from Eileen Julian that was sent in February to the Bloomington City Council members. Susan had attempted to let Ms. Julian by sending two emails a week prior to our meeting to inform Ms. Julian that board would be discussing her letter at tonight’s meeting however did not receive a response. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff also reached out to Ms. Julian, however, she is unable to meet with him until April. A brief discussion is held over the liability and probability of a claim being reimbursed under the previous circumstances. City Attorney Michael Rouker addresses concerns regarding property damage reimbursement and filing a Tort claim with the City of Bloomington Legal Department. A discussion was held on the letter and the December CIRT/ARV deployment. Bloomington resident, Anna Lynch expressed concerns over the purpose of the CIRT/ARV. Captain Scott Oldham and Chief Michael Diekhoff addressed her concerns. Bloomington resident, Nate Johnson inquired about the CIRT/ARV PA system that was utilized. Captain Scott Oldham addressed his concerns. Bloomington resident, Vauhxx Booker inquired as to the process if/when we did not have a CIRT/ARV vehicle. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff addressed his concerns.

REVIEW OF BPS PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Both Chiefs agreed the payrolls and claims were correct. Board signed the claims.

BOARD BUSINESS, OTHER BUSINESS and PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Yoon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Mosier, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the February 18th, 2020 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 24th day of March, 2020.
