
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, July 16, 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 about 6:06 p.m. Other Board members present were: Luis Fuentes-Rohwer and Maqubé Reese. Others attending are listed on the attached sheet. Kim Gray came in later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The full Board was not in attendance until later in the meeting. Approval of the minutes was voted on later in the meeting after the discussion of the Farmer's Market as follows:

Susan Yoon noted that in the June minutes the matter of the Goads personnel issue should be moved from the purchase section to the personnel section in the minutes.

Luis Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes as amended. Maqubé Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried with Susan Yoon abstaining.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Susan Yoon certified that the Executive Session was for receiving information concerning the Goad disciplinary matter and to be put on notice of an additional personnel issue.

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. He noted property crimes were down with an increase in person on person crimes. He noted increased burglaries in District 2 which is the northeast quadrant of the City. Qualters noted it appears that some of the transient population has made their way into summer vacant residences. Deputy Chief noted a slight increase in domestic violence as well.

Deputy Chief Qualters reviewed the training statistics and courses. He noted new body cam training.

The Community Engagement events included 59 different events for June. The department had Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Resource Officers visited various sites as well as other events. This month the Department is having the Teen Academy Week with a participant in the audience.

Two letters of appreciation were noted concerning Sgt. Burns, Probationary Officer Dawson and Senior Police Officer Hasler.

General Business

Chief Mike Diekhoff reported on General Business. Chief Diekhoff spoke about the Teen Academy. He noted it has 50 participants this year. He gave a brief synopsis of the annual event.

Chief Diekhoff brought to the Board's attention that the department has reinstated the Police Chaplain program. Don Griffin is the Chaplain and is a former BPD Officer. Board member Reese asked if it was voluntary; Chief answered yes. Board member Yoon asked if it was on an as-needed basis; Chief answered yes.

Chief Diekhoff advised the Board that the department recently had a CALEA review, which is a police accreditation review. It was a good review and the department is now up to date on that.

Further discussion on the Teen Academy was held.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements

Chief Diekhoff stated there were no major purchases.

Personnel Issues

Captain Ryan Pedigo reported on personnel issues. He noted there are 7 openings and generally reviewed the hiring process.

Board member Maqubé Reese noted that there was expected to be a heat wave and asked what the department, if anything, had planned for that. Chief Diekhoff noted that individuals in distressed could call for help and they would respond and noted that the City might be planning for that.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer brought up a recent incident where an individual was cutting and stabbing himself and asked what sort of care officers get following such an event. The Chief responded this is where they brought in the Police Chaplain and made him available and they debriefed the officers. The department follows up with the officers as well. The Chief also explained that the City's employee counseling program is available as well as other peer officer programs. Deputy Chief Qualters noted that the department has available the same psychologist who does the new candidates screening. Discussion was held on whether the culture was open for an officer to say they need help.

Approval of Conditional Offer

Luis Fuentes-Rohwer moved to accept the recommendation by the police department to tender a conditional offer of employment with a start day of September 9, 2019, to the following prospects: Gary Cooksey, Ryan Combs, Tyler Keen, Bariela Esquivel and Avvoob Abd-llah; Reese seconded. The Board unanimously approved same.

Introduction of Police Social Worker and Neighborhood Resource Specialists

Police Chief Diekhoff introduced Neighborhood Resource Specialist Frankie Presslaff and Gabriella Esquivel then introduced Melissa Stone, Social Worker. Said employees explained their duties and the Board welcomed them with general discussion of duties held. The Chief noted that these employees are not sworn officers. Maqubé Reese suggested that their call-outs be included in monthly updates.

Board member Kim Gray arrived. (6:30)

CIRT Deployment Report – None

At this time a general discussion was held on public safety at the Farmer's Market.

The Board addressed the minutes at this point in the meeting and results are noted above in the Approval of Minutes section.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Discipline of Jeremy Goad

Maqubé Reese made a motion to accept staff recommendation of discipline of Jeremy Goad; Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Fire Chief Jason Moore reported on the monthly statistics. There were no letters of appreciations and commendations.

General Business - Fire Chief Jason Moore noted that the department would be at the Farmer's Market on July 20 and noted other public engagement events.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurement

Chief Moore noted the hiring of a consultant for analysis of fire stations. He noted other purchases.

Personnel Issues

Chief Moore reviewed stats on employees on FMLA and light duty plus vacancies as well as other general issues.

REVIEW OF BPS PAYROLL

Chief Diekhoff and Chief Moore agreed the payrolls were correct. Board signed the payroll claims.

OTHER BUSINESS

Devta Kidd, Director of Innovation for the City of Bloomington Office of the Mayor gave a presentation as to the City's policy as to Unoccupied Aerial Vehicles (drones). General Board discussion was held. It was noted that there will be a "Dronepalooza" on September 7, 2019 to be held at Bloomington North High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AJOURNMENT

Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The minutes of the July 16, 2019 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 20th day of August, 2019

