



# McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners-Minutes

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Location: McCordsville Town Hall – Council Chambers

Date: Monday – February 18, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm EST

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## Minutes Summary:

1. Meeting was called to order at approximately 1804 hours.
2. Roll Call  
Present – Ariel Schoen, Dr. Bryan Burney, Claude Robinson, Chuck Meggenhofen, Mark Walker, William Benson, Pastor Wade Apel, Major Casey  
Absent – Chief Rodgers
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes were Approved and Signed from  
January 28, 2019 - Regular Meeting - 1st Chuck Meggenhofen 2nd William Benson – Motion Passed 5-0
5. Old Business
  - A. EAP – Employee Assistance Program – Moving forward with the implementation of this program for all the members of the Police Department, Town of McCordsville, Town Council, and Metropolitan Board. Community Health Network is the program that was decided on to go with at this time.
  - B. AED – Automated External Defibrillator – Meijer may be open to help with purchasing some after they get their year end closed out which is going on now. Major Casey can get a quote that would be good for 90 days but would like to wait to see what Meijer comes back and says after their year end report.
  - C. Light Bar Adjustments – Officer Smith took his Patrol Vehicle to Waymire to make some light pattern changes. He had 6 changes made and it took 3 hours to complete, but it's not correct there are problems with what was changed which was to be expected. Changing the pattern of the lights is very complicated and requires coding with a computer hooked up to the vehicle. Still working on implementing the changes and taking feedback from the other Officers on the

Police Department. Once everything gets worked out with the coding then it should be a quick job to change the light patterns on each Patrol Vehicle. There will be no charge to update the light pattern for the 2017 and 2018 Patrol Vehicles.

D. Sirens Not Being Loud – Getting a quote for a Rumbler that will be added along with the siren. The siren will be one unit and the Rumbler will be another unit by itself. A Rumbler is a device that you will feel the vibration before you hear it.

E. Vest Carries – Officer Watts presented his research on the reasons to go with an external carry vest and options with purchasing from different companies. There are many long-term benefits for going to an external carrier. A general order will be written to have it as an option for officers if they want to wear the external carrier. An estimate is around \$7,500 for this project. Money is available in the uniform budget. Table the discussion for now until more information is finalized on the type of vest and what company the vest will be purchased from.

F. Vehicle Armor – Discussion was regarding having window armor. If armor was to be placed for the window that would have to go in the door panel meaning the window would not roll down. Some new tactics suggest moving away from the vehicle all together now. No action suggested to be taken on the current vehicles now. May consider changes for future cars.

G. Light Duty Policy – Recommendation to not form a policy at this point in time. Based on other local police departments that have the Light Duty Policy in place are currently having some problems and questions regarding the policy rules.

H. Rifle Presentation – Sergeant Bell is still waiting on the quote back currently from the sales representative or Smith & Wesson. The Police Department is still looking at the Smith & Wesson M&P it looks like the best rifle to go with all round. The Police Department will be ordering it in the 556 so the 223 can be used at the shooting range for training and ordering the Vortex Sparc AR red dot to have on the rifles.

## 6. New Business

A. New Employee Approval - The two new employees are needing approval, so the Conditional Offer can be sent out to them officially and then get their Public Safety Medical dates set. A brief bio was given on each new employee during the meeting since it was an agreement that they didn't have to be present at this meeting.

1. Levi Garety – 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor Wade Apel 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Meggenhofen – Motion Passed 5-0

2. Leston Moore III – 1<sup>st</sup> William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Claude Robinson – Motion Passed 5-0

B. McCordsville Elementary School Resource Officer - Contract has come back from the school. Negotiations are still ongoing regarding pay.

C. General Department Update –

1. Security upgrade is still moving on at the Town Hall with getting new cameras and locks installed. They do have a quote now.

2. Meetings attended by Major Casey:

- Attended Council Retreat
- Staff Meeting with the Town Hall
- Safety and Security Meeting with the Mount Vernon School Corporation
- Council Meeting
- Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

- Greenfield Police Department Meeting regarding Vape Shops selling a substance that tested the same as Marijuana. No known issues in McCordsville since there are no Vape Shops here.
- Police Department Training is on Wednesday February 20, 2019.
- Smile Bags were dropped off by Addison Brown to go into Officer's Patrol Vehicles.
- Another new hiring process has started again.

7. Recognition

1. Major Casey 26 Years with the Police Department
2. Officer Oakes 2 Years with the Police Department
3. Officer Carder received a compliment from a person that was in a crash. That he was a Sweet, Nice and Kind Young Man.
4. Officer Herber went to FTO school.
5. Officer Oakes and Lieutenant Sleeth did an Awesome Job with the Cub Scout tour.
6. Lieutenant Sleeth helped solve a rape case for Lawrence.
7. Safety Committee worked on the projects on their own time, did a great job on the projects, and it's very appreciated.

8. Motion to Adjourn Meeting 1953 – 1<sup>st</sup> William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Meggenhofen – Motion Passed 5-0

Minutes Approved

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Walker - President, Board of Police Commissions

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wade E. Apel – Secretary, Board of Police Commissions