



# McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners – Special Session Minutes

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Location: McCordsville Town Hall – Council Chambers

Date: Monday – November 26, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm EST

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## Minutes Summary:

1. Meeting was called to order at approximately 19:14 hours.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present – President Walker, Vice President Meggenhofen, Secretary Apel, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Benson, Chief Rodgers, Major Casey and Counsel Ms. Schoen.
  - b. Absent – Dr. Burney
3. Discussion regarding employee matters.
  - a.) Discussion was had regarding the employment of Officer Michael R. Garner. Commissioners' Counsel Ms. Schoen provided direction on the choices that the Commissioners had, such as a motion to retain, a motion to increase current disciplinary action, terminate or allow Officer Garner to resign in lieu of termination. Commissioner Benson made a motion to terminate Officer Michael Garner. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Motion passed 4 in favor – 1 against, with Commissioner Walker in dissent.
  - b.) Commissioners' Counsel Schoen provided the Commissioners with additional clarification on the possibility of allowing Officer Garner to still submit a resignation. Commissioner Meggenhofen made a motion that Officer Garner be allowed to tender his resignation in lieu of the formal termination. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Apel. Motion passed 4 in favor – 1 against, with Commissioner Benson in dissent.
  - c.) Chief Rodgers provided the Commissioners with formal notice that Officer Ryan Bowersox had submitted his notice of resignation. Chief Rodgers added that he has accepted Officer Bowersox's notice, it was up to the Commissioners to formalize that acceptance. In addition to the resignation, Chief Rodgers noted that Officer Bowersox did not meet the fourteen (14) day notice, and submitted his notice providing only thirteen (13) days; however, that his notice was not unexpected and due to Officer Bowersox's performance, he be allowed to leave in "Good Standing". Motion was made by Commissioner Apel to accept Officer Bowersox's resignation and allow him his leave in "Good Standing". Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benson. Motion passed 5 in favor – 0 Against.
  - d.) Commissioners' Counsel recommended that two of the Commissioners perform an exit interview with Officer Bowersox to close any concerns of any potential future complaints.

4. Motion to Adjourn was made at approximately 19:31 hours....

**Minutes Approved**

These minutes approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2018.

Approved By:   
Mark Walker – President, Board of Police Commissioners

Attested By:   
Wade E. Apel – Secretary, Board of Police Commissioners