



# McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners-Minutes

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Location: McCordsville Town Hall – Council Chambers  
Date: Monday – April 15, 2019  
Time: 6:57 PM EST – Regular Meeting after Executive Session

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## Minutes Summary:

1. Meeting was called to order at approximately 1857 hours.
2. Roll Call  
Present – Mrs. Ariel Schoen, Dr. Bryan Burney, Mr. Claude Robinson, Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen, Mr. Mark Walker, Mr. William Benson, Pastor Wade Apel, Major Casey  
Mr. Chris Isam – Special Council while Ariel is out, he is just observing this meeting.  
Absent – Chief Rodgers
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes were Approved and Signed from
  - A. March 26, 2019 – Executive Session  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 4-0
  - B. March 26, 2019 – Special Session  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carried 4-0
5. Old Business
  - A. AED Project – Request for Approval – Not to Exceed over \$14,450.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 5-0
  - B. Rifle Project – Request for Approval – Not to Exceed over \$24,055.02  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carried 5-0
    1. Mr. William Benson asked about the generation of the magazine for the Rifles. Purchase the generation 3's instead of generation 2's, Mr. William Benson believes the generation 3's is a better quality. Sergeant Bell will look into that before making the final purchase.
  - C. Vest Carrier Project – Request for Approval – Not to Exceed over \$10,000.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen – Motion Carried 5-0

#### D. Light Bar Project Update

1. 2018 Patrol Vehicle's Light Bars are good to go now. All the coding issues are worked out.
2. 2017 Patrol Vehicle's Light Bars should be good to go shortly, once they are taken in and hooked up to the computer it will take less than a minute to complete the light pattern.
3. 17-01's Light Bar has been ordered and should be here in the next couple weeks.
4. 2020 Patrol Vehicle's will have a different set up because of the new body style, so a quote is being worked on for future patrol vehicle purchases.

#### E. Handgun Project Update

1. Handguns have been ordered, but only did a partial order which means 8 were ordered. All the holsters for all the handguns were ordered at that time. The partial order of handguns will take around 8 weeks to get here which means they should be here around June.
2. All the ammunition for the handguns and the rifles have been ordered also. Ammunition order was under \$5,000.00.

#### F. Equipment Distribution Update

1. All new laptops are out and working with some few minor adjustments needed. All Officers are on 365 access now.
2. Two of the new radars are installed and working, but there are four more radars that need to be installed and make sure they are working properly.

#### G. SRO Project Update

1. Almost done with the negotiation. Final numbers with insurance, benefits, and payment plan are still being worked out. School system will be paying 2/3's of the Officer's salary. Hopefully will be taking it in front of the Council Board in May and then it will come to the Metropolitan Board right after.

### 6. New Business

#### A. Update on Both Hiring Processes

1. Mr. Levi Garety – Still waiting on PERF results. PERF has a 30 day turn around so hopefully the results will be coming back soon. Mr. Garety lives in Ohio so he will need time to relocate once he is given the official offer. Looking at Mr. Garety to be a June hire. The Metropolitan Board has given the okay to do an informal swearing in on Mr. Garety if all his results come back before June's Metropolitan Board Meeting.
2. Current hiring process 6 of the 10 applicants have turned in their application, but as of right now 2 of the 6 did not make it. Wednesday April 17, 2019 is the last day to turn in applications.
3. Possibly in June another hiring process may be started depending on the final outcome of this hiring process ending on Wednesday April 17, 2019.

#### B. Department Update and Information

1. Major Casey is working on the 2020 budget.
2. Major Casey is working on the salary ordinance for 2020.
3. The Police Department will be switching to a new reporting system by 2021.
4. Major Casey attended a tactical meeting and paid the annual fee even though at this time our department doesn't have any members on the team. It's good to support that team in case our department needs their help and calls them out for a situation.

5. Major Casey will be attending a school safety meeting this week and a tabletop exercise is planned for June at the school.

6. Major Casey will be attending a meeting this week regarding the Easter egg hunt that is this Saturday April 20, 2019.

7. March's department training was qualifying with handguns.

8. April's department training is on STOPS program and the DART firearms simulator.

9. Officer Watts has volunteered to be the National Night Out Chair that will be in August.

10. Major Casey still needs to purge the evidence room as soon as possible. There is evidence in there from a long time ago.

11. Major Casey is very humbled by the turn around in the department and the support that he is getting from the Officers.

12. Major Casey would also like to say Thank You to the Metropolitan Board for attending the Council Meeting.

13. This is a recommendation to the Town Council to approve a pay increase for Major Casey for the difference of Chief's pay to Assistant Chief's pay and retro it back to the first business day of January 2019.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen - Motion Carried 5-0

14. Motion to continue Harold Rodgers on unpaid administration leave until further notice.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson - Motion Carried 5-0

15. Motion to allow President Mark Walker to bring a severance package to the Town Council for 3 months of salary plus cost of benefits in an exchange for resignation or to begin the termination process.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson - Motion Carried 5-0

16. Motion to extend Officer Jeff Herber on unpaid leave until further notice.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson - Motion Carried 5-0

17. The Metropolitan Board members need to have a discussion regarding qualifications for the position of McCordsville Police Chief so that the process can begin in the future.

18. The Police Department has a surplus of 45 ammunition so there will be a letter going out to the McCordsville Officers if they want to purchase it they are more than welcome too. It will be sold in lots of 500 and the money made from selling the 45 ammunition will be used to purchase some of the new ammunition.

## 7. Public Comments

1. Officer Smith spoke in favor of Major Casey being Chief. He said, "The morale of the Police Department from his perspective is way better and that he would like to see that continue." He feels that there is more buy-in. The intangibles are making a big difference. His opinion is not because of the money.

2. Officer Watts also spoke in favor of Major Casey for the position of Chief.

3. Lieutenant Sleeth spoke in favor of Major Casey being Chief. She told people to give him a chance. She feels validated by the words of the other Officers because it shows that he is shining in this position.

4. Sergeant Bell also spoke in favor as well for Major Casey to be Chief.

5. Dr. Bryan Burney appreciates having a forum to discuss and hear.

6. The Officers agreed that the Metropolitan Board should at least give Major Casey a year as Police Chief to show them that he is fully capable of doing the position.

8. Recognition

1. Sergeant Bell – 13 Years of Service in April with McCordsville Police Department.

9. Motion to Adjourn Meeting 1953.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Chuck Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson - Motion Carried 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