



# McCordsville Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners - Minutes

Location: McCordsville Town Hall – Council Chambers

Date: Monday – October 21, 2019

Time: 6:34 PM EST

## Minutes Summary:

1. Meeting was called to order at approximately 1834 hours.
2. Roll Call  
Present – Mr. Mark Walker, Mr. Charles Meggenhofen, Mr. Claude Robinson, Mr. William Benson, Dr. Bryan Burney, Mrs. Ariel Schoen, Chief Paul Casey, Major Jimmy Bell
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes were Approved and Signed from
  - A. August 19, 2019 – Executive Session  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 4-0
  - B. August 19, 2019 – Regular Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr. William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carried 4-0
5. Swearing in of Officer Stephen Dowers was done by Chief Paul Casey – Chief of McCordsville Metropolitan Police Department.
6. Introductions
  - A. Sergeant Jimmy Bell has been promoted to rank of Major and the position of Assistant Chief of McCordsville Metropolitan Police Department as of the end of August 2019.
  - B. Officer Kyle Smith will be the new K-9 Handler for the McCordsville Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Kyle Smith and K-9 Officer Mattis are in training all this week together. They will be ready to be put in full service next week when they return from training.
7. Old Business
  - A. Wireless Traffic Camera – At this time there will be no wireless traffic cameras installed at any intersections that had been mentioned about at previous meetings. Chief Casey reached out to the company previously talked about, but that company never did return any emails nor called. There has been research done about License Plate Readers instead to either have them installed at intersections or maybe to purchase software for the computers in the Police Vehicles still waiting on more information and quotes about them.
  - B. Traffic Concerns at McCordsville Elementary – Overall the traffic problem that has been an issue for the past several years is solved for now until the enrollment of students increases dramatically. We will continue to

monitor and make sure everything stays running smoothly. Between the School Staff, our Police Officers, the Kid's Parents, and the Town of McCordsville's Engineer everyone has worked together to solve the problem and did a great job!

#### 8. New Business

A. Dell Computer Quotes – Request for Approval to purchase 5 new Dell Computers for the inside office staff. Not to Exceed over \$7,351.34.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 4-0

B. Stalker Radar Quotes – Request for Approval to purchases 3 new Stalker Radars with that purchase the Police Department will get the 4<sup>th</sup> one free. Not to Exceed over \$6,056.00

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Claude Robinson – Motion Carried 4-0

C. Offer for a conditional offer of employment to Spencer Case - Request for Approval

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 4-0

D. Officer Jeff Herber Employment – Request for Approval to take Officer Jeff Herber off unpaid leave and placed on active duty.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. William Benson 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Charles Meggenhofen – Motion Carried 4-0

E. Department Update and General Information –

1. Austin Trace Subdivision put on a Block Party that was attended by our Police Officers.

2. Stansbury Subdivision had a Block Party it was put on by Hancock County Sheriff's Department. Our Police Officers attended it and the Town of McCordsville let them borrow the directional signs.

3. Critical Incident training presented by Kaufman and Blackwell Attorneys was attended by some of our Police Officers.

4. Handgun and Rifle training qualifications were done.

5. All the new Rifles were assembled.

6. Taser recertification and STOPS training has been completed.

7. Mt. Vernon High School had an incident that happened and the schools around them were locked down. Our Police Officers along with surrounding Law Enforcement Departments helped with the actual incident and traffic. Some Officers also attended the post meetings that were after the incident.

8. Chief Casey and Major Bell attended a webinar on Power DMS. Power DMS is our policy program. Continue training classes are needed to get the full use of the program.

9. Officer Smith and K-9 Officer Mattis have started the PackTrack software. It's a way for Officer Smith to keep track of the training with K-9 Officer Mattis.

10. The K-9 cage was installed for K-9 Officer Mattis in Officer Smith's patrol vehicle.

11. Update on Zoey's Place

A. Town of McCordsville is donating \$2,000.00. The Town Board of McCordsville set that amount and voted on it to formalize it.

B. McCordsville Police Department is donating \$3,000.00 from the LOIT budget.

C. For a total of \$5,000.00 will be donated.

D. The new location was announced. It will be at North Street and Franklin Road in Greenfield. They are working on getting it ready to be opened.

12. The McCordsville Police Department was able to participate with the other Police Departments and Sheriff Department for a free color advertisement in the Daily Reporter to "STOP BULLYING". Thank You to Mr. Mark Walker for letting the Police Department know about the opportunity to participate.

13. Mr. Harold Rodgers received his ID that was required. Chief Casey is still working on the Retirement Badge.

14. Hancock County Health Department provided the Police Department with some Trauma Kits for free. They are very similar to the Trauma Kits we already have in our Patrol Vehicles, so we shared some of the kits with McCordsville Elementary. Since at other meetings with McCordsville Elementary there has been initiative to get some Trauma Kits in each classroom at the school.

15. Detective Watts has been working on the Ring Neighbors portal it's up and running as of October 14, 2019.
16. Chief Casey and Major Bell attended a meeting regarding the Guardian Tracking Program which is a different way to do performance recognition based software. There will be another meeting for it to further evaluate and may consider going to that program starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020. It's a different way to handle our current performance recognition.
17. We will continue meeting with Mt. Vernon School Safety Group regarding entire Mt. Vernon School Community. Also continue to meet and have an open dialog with McCordsville Elementary.
18. At the Law Enforcement Council Meeting the Dispatch Director discussed about ways to improve, interact, communicate and resources with the community. It goes back to Active 911 for our Officers and Smart 911 for the citizens. If everyone gets started now it will help them find out important information about Hancock County. Example – A road being closed due to an accident.
19. The Dispatch Director came to our department training recently and talked about the 1 Channel initiative. A brief description is one controller (Dispatcher) taking just calls and another controller just working with radio traffic. So, they aren't doing both jobs. They can focus on that 1 job unless there is an emergency that happens.
20. Officer Carder looked into what it would cost to fully outfit our current vehicles with the in-car base radios and the quote came back as over \$70,000.00. So that project will be done in smaller portions maybe as new vehicles are bought for the department.
21. Major Bell, Lieutenant Sleeth, and Detective Watts have spent a lot of time and hard work on this hiring process.
22. Officers are continuing to work very hard in moving the department in a proactive and positive direction. Everybody is doing the best they can to take time off, but we also must have the coverage.
23. The new disc burner has been set up and is running. Everything is backed up as of now that was stored on the server.
24. Officers have done a great job working through everything that has happened. Looking forward to additional staffing in 2020.
25. Trunk or Treat is on October 26, 2019 at the Town Hall.
26. Holidays with Heroes will be December 07, 2019 at Meijer's.
27. Officer Carder has asked that the department do "No Shave November" again as the money will go towards Zoey's Place. The Board Members have given the okay to suspend the policy for November to do the "No Shave November". No motion needed for approval.
28. McCordsville Police Department dinner is coming up in November.
29. Cathy Gardner's Farewell Party is November 14, 2019.
30. Town of McCordsville Christmas dinner is December 06, 2019.
31. Remember in the up coming months that the McCordsville Town Hall will be closed for upcoming Holidays.
32. Look into Official Swearing in for K-9 Officer Mattis.

## 9. Recognition


- A. Detective Watts has been with the Police Department 4 Years now and has a Birthday this month.
- B. Officer Carder is doing a great job at the school.
- C. Officer Smith would like to Thank the Board Members, Chief Casey, Major Bell, and the entire Police Department for allowing the Police Department to bring on K-9 Officer Mattis.
- D. Mr. William Benson would like to Thank Chief Casey and Assistant Chief Bell for making the transition fairly smooth on moving it on up for our Officers.

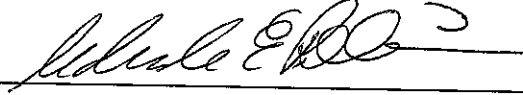
## 10. Motion to Adjourn Meeting 1926 hours.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Charles Meggenhofen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. William Benson – Motion Carried 4-0

Minutes Approved

These minutes approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2019.

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

Attested By:   
Claude Robinson – Secretary, Board of Police Commissions