

**MICHIGAN CITY POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2010**

The Police Civil Service Commission of Michigan City, Indiana, held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, Indiana.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present to conduct business.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Michael Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Commissioners Deloise Howse, John Pliske and Michael Palmer.

Also present: Chief of Police Ben Neitzel, Chief of Services John Kintzele, Attorney Pam Krause, Cpl. Sean Steele, Probationary Officer Matt Cottrill, Council Liaison Pat Boy and Dennis Metheny.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Howse moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2010, Executive Session held on January 12, 2010, and Special Meeting held on January 23, 2010 be accepted as submitted, second by Commissioner Pliske. **Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

PROBATIONARY OFFICER REPORTS

Corporal Sean Steele reported:

- ◆ Probationary Officer Kenneth Eguia is continuing Phase 2 of the FTO Program. Officer Eguia will remain on Shift 3 with Blue Days off. His FTO is Officer Holloway.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Jason Cracknell will continue in Phase 1 of the FTO Program. Officer Cracknell will remain on Shift 2 with Blue Days off. His FTO is Officer Painter.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Michael King will continue in Phase 1 of the FTO Program. Officer King will remain on Shift 2 with Green Days off. His FTO is Officer K. Pliske.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Kyle Mason will continue in Phase 1 of the FTO Program. Officer Mason will remain on Shift 3 with Red Days off. His FTO is Officer Rodriguez.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Michael McLemore will continue in Phase 1 of the FTO Program. Officer McLemore will remain on Shift 1 with Blue Days off. His FTO is Officer N. Krause.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Michael Petrie will continue Phase 1 of the FTO Program. Officer Petrie will remain on Shift 1 with Blue Days off. His FTO is Officer Matzke.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Jacob Ray will continue Phase 1 of the FTO Program. Officer Ray will remain on Shift 3 with Green Days off. His FTO is Officer Washluske.
- ◆ All Probationary Officers are progressing well and are to begin the academy mid-March.
- ◆ Probationary Officer Matthew Cottrill was sworn in yesterday and is to begin his training and is assigned to the Division of Professional Standards.

POLYGRAPH REPORTS

Commissioner Palmer stated there are five (5) polygraph reports that will be reviewed by the Commissioner's within the next few days.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

The department has one background investigation and should be completed in the next few weeks for the Commission to review.

PHYSICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

Commissioner Palmer advised there was one applicant. Chief Neitzel reported on the status of the applicant in PERF stating the Police Pension Board would be meeting on February 17, 2010 to review and vote on the applicant.

PAST PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Chief Neitzel advised the past performance reports are in the process of being finalized and that the Board of Captains has a meeting scheduled at the end of this month to review them.

APPLICANT TESTING RESULTS

Commissioner Palmer presented the results of the January 23, 2010 testing to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Letter of resignation from Officer Joshua Samuelson effective with the close of business on January 31, 2010.
- Discipline matter from Capt. Steve Jesse.
- Claims to be paid totaling \$2,452.76.

On motion of Commissioner Howse, seconded by Commissioner Pliske, claims in the amount of \$2,452.76 should be paid. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Howse made a motion to accept the resignation letter received from Officer Joshua Samuelson effective with the close of business on January 31, 2010, second by Commissioner Pliske and Motion carried **3-0.**

Commissioner Palmer stated the supervisor evaluation reports #4 for Corporal Drake, Sergeant Legros, and Lieutenant Brinkman are ready for the Commissioners to review.

SECOND APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Commissioner Palmer advised the Commission that the second interview for 21 applicants has been scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010, 8:00 a.m. at the Police Station. The last interview will take place at 1:45 p.m.

REPORT FROM CHIEF NEITZEL

Chief Neitzel reported:

- ◆ Thanked the Police Commission for all their hard work in 2009 they did trying to get the Police Department up to full staff, advising the amount officers to date was ninety (90).
- ◆ Commented on the disaster that took place in Haiti advising the community to be aware of scams regarding contributions and to only donate to reputable organizations.
- ◆ Advised Officer Joshua Samuelson has resigned from the department taking on new employment and wished him well in his new endeavor with a new law enforcement agency in the middle of the state.

ASST. CHIEF COMMENTS

Asst. Chief Kintzele reported:

- ◆ Reported on the weekly emails he is receiving from our Probationary Officers with their daily experiences as an officer advising they are looking forward to starting the academy.

- ◆ Asked what the status was on receiving the updated booklist for the promotional exam.
- ◆ Wished Joshua Samuelson luck on his new job, he would be missed.

Asst. Chief Swistek reported:

- ◆ Reminded the community that effective February 9, 2010 at 6:00 a.m. Phase I of the snow removal ordinance would take effect advising that this means no parking on the North and West side of any street and on any designated snow route. Chief Swistek stated that Phase I will be in effect until further notice and if there are any questions please call the Police Station at 874-3221, the Street Department at 873-1500 or listen to the local radio stations for more information.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Palmer commented about Asst. Chief Kintzele's statement regarding the emails he's receiving from the Probationary Officers, He commented on a great job the FTO's are doing answering calls and doing the reports other officers were dispatched to so the probationary officer could gain more experience and knowledge about being out on the streets before they go to the academy.

Commissioners Pliske, Howse, and Palmer wished Joshua Samuelson good luck on his new job.

Commissioner Howse apologized for not being at the swearing in of Probationary Officer Cottrill stating that she was happy she had a hand in hiring a good officer and that she would be watching how he progresses.

Commissioner Palmer thanked the Chiefs, Division of Professional Standards and the probationary officers for their assistance on January 23, 2010 regarding the testing of applicants.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Attorney.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Liaison Pat Boy wished Joshua Samuelson well in his new job and congratulate the newly hired officer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Metheny, 6757 W. 450 N., Coolspring Township Trustee, congratulated Probationary Officer Cottrill and stated he looks forward to seeing him in Coolspring Township.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:23 am on motion by Commissioner Pliske and seconded by Commissioner Howse, **Motion carried 3-0.**

John Pliske, Secretary

ATTEST:

Michael D. Palmer, President

Deloise Howse, Vice-President