

LOWELL METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

January 14th, 2016

The Lowell Metropolitan Police Commission met in regular session on January 14th, 2016 at the Lowell Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commissioner John Piper, present
Commissioner Ray Borchert, absent
Commissioner Michael Mears, present
Commissioner Ricky Cooper, present
Commissioner Lynn Adams, present
Chief Erik Matson, present

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a brief moment of silence.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Cooper nominated Commissioner Piper for President, seconded by Commissioner Mears, 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Cooper nominated Commissioner Mears for Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Adams, 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Mears nominated Commissioner Borchert for Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, 4 ayes, motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING TIME

Commissioner Mears made a motion to approve the monthly Commission meeting time as the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Adams, 4 ayes, motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 10th, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Mears made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10th, 2015 Regular session, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 4 ayes, motion passed.

VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Mears made a motion to approve the Claims/Expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 4 ayes, motion passed.

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT AND THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OR MEMBERS

Chief Matson informed the Commission that Officer Mink passed the Physical Assessment for the Police Academy and his first day at the Police Academy will be January 19.

Chief Matson announced that Reserve Officer Fertig was hired by the Lake County Sheriff's Department and therefore has resigned from the Lowell Police Department. Chief Matson thanked Reserve Officer Fertig for his service to the Lowell Police Department and stated that he was an outstanding officer for the short time that he served. Chief Matson requested the Commission to accept

Reserve Officer Fertig's resignation.

Chief Matson stated the Lowell Police Department participated in the Shop with a Cop on December 19th and 22 children were treated to breakfast and a shopping trip with the Officers. The Chief thanked Schoops restaurant, Target of St. John, all business and citizen monetary donations, and all Officers, department employees, and elected Officials who participated in this year's program.

Chief Matson thanked Hanover Central High School who donated \$127 to the Lowell Police Department from proceeds of their Law Enforcement Night.

Chief Matson informed the Commission of the 2015 statistics. He stated that the calls for service went up by 6,000 calls compared to the previous year and also that there was an increase in criminal arrests and crash reports.

Chief Matson stated that public advertising has began for candidates to apply for the hiring list and the orientation will be held at the Lowell Town Hall on February 13th.

Chief Matson thanked former Police Commission President Patterson for her service to the Police Commission. He also welcomed Commissioner Adams to the Police Commission.

Commissioner Piper thanked Commissioner Patterson for her tireless efforts for the Commission. He also announced that Lowell has been rated one of the safest towns in Indiana and he thanked Chief Matson and the Officers of the Lowell Police Department for their hard work and dedication.

VIII. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mears made a motion to approve the resignation of Reserve Officer Fertig, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 4 ayes; motion passed.

XI. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting was scheduled for February 11th at 7 p.m.

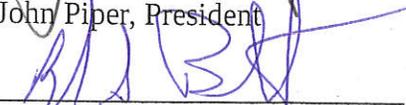
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mears made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. 4 ayes, motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



John Piper, President



Ray Borchert, Secretary