

**CEDAR LAKE METROPOLITAN POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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| Commissioner, Terri Blagojevic | Present |
| Commissioner, Michael DeFrancesco | Present |
| Commissioner, Lester C. Kaper | Present |
| Commissioner, Dominick Kortokrax | Absent |
| Commissioner, Michael Taborski | Present |
| Council-Liaison, Patsy Casassa | Present |
| Council-Liaison, Randal Niemeyer | Absent |
| Council-Liaison, Greg Wornhoff | Absent |
| Chief of Police, Gerald Smith | Present |

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Chief Smith and the Police Commissioners presented Cpl. Carl Brittingham and Cpl. William Fisher commendations for their work helping FED-EX looking for suspects taking packages from residences during the holiday season 2013.

Certificates were presented to Commander David Moake, Cpl. Carl Brittingham, Cpl. William Fisher and Cpl. Jeremy Allen for completing PFLA. (Police Executive Leadership Academy)

Captain Roger Patz was in attendance and was acknowledged for his 30 years as an Officer with the Department (12/21/2013)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Commissioner DeFrancesco and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to approve the minutes of Wednesday January 22, 2014 as written.

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| Vote-4 | Blagojevic | Yes |
| | Kaper | Yes |
| | DeFrancesco | Yes |
| | Taboriski | Yes |

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- (1). Letter from Griffith Police Department thanking Officer Phil Lewis assisting as an instructor for training.

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Department:

- (1). **Consolidated Dispatching**- Chief Smith stated he would be attending a 911 meeting Thursday February 27th and will have information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Department:

- (1). **Monthly Activity Report**- Chief Smith gave the month of January 2014 activity report
- (2). **Training**- Chief Smith gave the monthly totals from January 2014.
- (3). **Technology**-Chief Smith talked about Virtual Desktops that will be needed for the Department. Chief Smith is waiting for a response from the Town Council on the Infraction Deferral money giving back 100% to the department
- (4). **Policy Updates**-Work session was decided for Wednesday March 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parks Building to discuss policy updates.
- (5). **Reserve Program**-Chief Smith stated that 8 Reserve Officers are actively doing their training with FTO's

(6). Resignation of (2) Reserve Officers-Motion made by Commissioner Kaper and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to accept the resignations of Jeffrey Beck and Aaron Lanting (Hired Griffith PD)

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| Vote- 4 | Kaper | Yes |
| | Blagojevic | Yes |
| | DeFrancesco | Yes |
| | Taborski | Yes |

(7). Pay Increase-Chief Smith asked the Commission to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to increase the stipend amount pay of command staff, from \$500.00 a year to \$1,000.00 a year that will amount to a percentage on each pay they receive.

Motion made by Commissioner Kaper and seconded by Commissioner DeFrancesco to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to increase the stipend pay as requested for command staff.

Vote-4

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| Kaper | Yes |
| DeFrancesco | Yes |
| Blagojevic | Yes |
| Taborski | Yes |

(8). Vehicle Purchase-Chief Smith stated that he is interested in purchasing new squads for 2014, total 4. This will be one of the topics covered at the work session in March

(9). Sponsorship-Chief Smith asked if the Commission would send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to sponsor Reserve Officer Michael Damjanovic at the Police Academy. (No money is paid by the Town or Department as the Officer will pay his own way).
Motion made by Commissioner Kaper and seconded by Commissioner DeFrancesco to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to sponsor Reserve Officer Michael Damjanovic at the Police academy.

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VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES:

New Business

- (1). **Activity Report-Officer Doug Machalk** gave a report from VIP's, for the month of January 2014. (2) Two members have been removed from VIP'S. There will be training for the HAM radio that will be in use for VIP'S.
- (2). **Grants-Officer Machalk** stated that he is working on grants to get equipment for VIP'S. A donation of \$500.00 was received from Havenwood Association. \$2,500.00 grant from Crown Point Community to purchase shelter equipment in case of a Natural Disaster. Officer Machalk is looking to purchase a trailer to haul the equipment in.

VIP'S HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE: clvips.com

PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Taboriski adjourned the meeting

End 8:05 P.M

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD AFTER THE MEETING, REFERENCE PERSONNEL, PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 5-14-1.5.6 1(b).

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| Present | Chairperson- Michael Taborski <i>Michael E. Taborski</i> |
| Present | Chairperson- Michael DeFrancesco <i>Michael A. DeF.</i> |
| Present | Vice-Chairperson- Michael DeFrancesco <i>Mike DeFrancesco</i> |
| Present | Member-Terri Blagojevic <i>Terri Blagojevic</i> |
| Present | Member-Lester C. Kaper <i>Lester C. Kaper</i> |
| Absent | Member-Dominick Kortokrax <i>Dominick Kortokrax</i> |