

**CEDAR LAKE METROPOLITAN POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2015**

**7:03 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioner, Terri Blagojevic	Present
Commissioner, Lester C. Kaper	Present
Commissioner, Kevin Toth	Present
Council Liaison, Julie Rivera	Present
Council-Liaison, Patsy Casassa	Present
Council-Liaison, Randell Niemeyer	Absent
Chief of Police, Gerald Smith	Present

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chief Gerald Smith opened the meeting with election of Officers  
Nomination for Chairperson.: **Motion** made by Commissioner Blagojevic and **seconded**  
by Commissioner Toth to appoint **Lester C. Kaper** as the Police Commission Chairperson  
for 2015.

**Vote- 3**

Blagojevic	Yes
Toth	Yes
Kaper	Yes

Gavel turned over to Chairperson Kaper: Nomination for Vice-Chairperson:  
**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and **seconded** by Commissioner Blagojevic to  
appoint **Terri Blagojevic** Vice-Chairperson for 2015.

**Vote- 3**

Toth	Yes
Blagojevic	Yes
Kaper	Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

- (1). Chief Smith read a letter from Commander William Siems from the Calumet City Police Department. Officer Phil Lewis assisted Commander Siems elderly Mom at Walgreens and would like to thank him for his act of kindness.
- (2). Letter from the Dean and Barbara White Foundation not issuing any grants for 2014 for VIP'S requesting 2 new vehicles.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to accept the minutes of Wednesday December 10, 2014 as written.

**Vote- 3**

Blagojevic	Yes
Toth	Yes
Kaper	Yes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1). **Consolidated Dispatch-3** of Cedar Lake's Fulltime Dispatchers have taken a job with County, and if in the months ahead decide that Cedar Lake will stay on their own they would like to come back and work for the Town. Steve Nemeth has returned Fulltime. Shifts are being covered by Part Time Dispatchers, Officers and the Administrative assistant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Police Department:**

- (1). **Monthly Activity Report**-Chief Smith gave the report for the month of December 2014 and all totals for the year 2014.
- (2). **Training Report**-Chief Smith gave the totals from December 2014 and a yearly total.
- (3). **Technology**-New Computer for vehicle, purchased vehicle maintenance system.
- (4). **Resignation of Two Full time Dispatchers**- Motion made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to accept **Deborah Day** and **Karla Crane's** resignations as full time Dispatchers to Part time Dispatchers.

**Vote-3**

Blagojevic	Yes
Toth	Yes
Kaper	Yes

(5). **Police Cars-**Chief Smith explained the article in the Hammond times of a new squad car being given to Hanover Schools. It was a misprint and Chief Smith explained that a few months back he was asked if the Schools could use one of the old squads for the School Resource Officer for traffic control. Chief Smith asked the Commission to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to donate a 2006 Ford crown Vic with no blue lights to the Hanover School Corporation, for their use. Motion made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to donate a 2006 Ford Crown Vic for their use.

**Vote- 3**  
 Toth Yes  
 Blagojevic Yes  
 Kaper Yes

**Note:**

if not agreed on, Chief Smith stated to donate the vehicle to the Law Enforcement Academy in Indianapolis. Chief Smith also stated that the 2007 red Dodge Charger be given to the Fire Department for their use and the 2002 white Dodge Durango be given to Public Works.

#2. Chief Smith stated that he would like to start early this year in purchasing 4 new vehicles for 2015 and also asked for the Commission's approval to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council.

A discussion was held among the Commission on what type of vehicles . Chief Smith stated that he would like a combination of 2 SUV'S and 2 cars. This comes out of The CCD Fund (Gas Tax Dollars).

**Motion** made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to start getting quotes on four (4) new vehicles 2015.

**Vote- 3**  
 Blagojevic Yes  
 Toth Yes  
 Kaper Yes

**Motion** was also made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to purchase one (1) vehicle out of the E85 Fund. This would be presented at a later date.

**Vote- 3**  
 Toth Yes  
 Blagojevic Yes  
 Kaper Yes

Chief Smith stated to the Commission that Town Inspector Tim Kubiak was looking into Updating the Gas-Boy System that all Town Vehicles use, to get a more accurate Reading on gas usage and tracking miles.

**VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES (VIP'S)**

1. **Monthly Activity Report-** Lt. Tim Layer gave the totals for December 2014 and also all totals for 2014. The organization would like to add more members, make it more simple for Volunteers to become a member.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**Note:** Chief Gerald smith asked if the February 2015 meeting could be moved to Thursday February 26, 2015 as he would be out of town.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to move February 2015 meeting to Thursday February 26, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. with an Executive session to be advertised.

<b>Vote- 3</b>	Toth	Yes
	Blagojevic	Yes
	Kaper	Yes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to adjourn.

<b>Vote- 3</b>	Blagojevic	Yes
	Toth	Yes
	Kaper	Yes

Chairperson	Lester C. Kaper	Present
Vice-Chairperson	Terri Blagojevic	Present
Member	Kevin Toth	Present

*[Handwritten signatures: Lester C. Kaper, Terri Blagojevic, Kevin Toth]*