

**CEDAR LAKE METROPOLITAN POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2015**

**7:10 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**NOTE: Executive Session held before the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and ended at 7:10 P.M.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Thank You from Sue Landske Family
2. Thank You from Hanover School Corporation for our support during their loss of one student and injuries of another student.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to accept the minutes of Wednesday March 4, 2015 as written.

**Vote- 3**

Toth	Yes
Blagojevic	Yes
Kaper	Yes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1). **Consolidated Dispatch**-Chief Smith stated a 911 meeting will be held on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> and will have information at the next meeting if not sooner.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Police Department:**

- (1). **Monthly Activity Report**-Chief Smith gave the report for the month of February 2015.
- (2). **Training Report**-Chief Smith gave the totals from February 2015.
- (3). **Technology**-No new business.
- (4). **Police Cars**-Chief Smith stated that 3 SUV'S and 1 Sedan **FORD** all wheel drive vehicles have been ordered and should be in use by August. There was no state bid and vehicles were purchased from Smith Ford, Lowell, IN.
- (5). **Resignation of First Class Patrolman Luke Lukasik**-Chief Smith read Officer Lukasik's resignation letter to the Commission. Officer Lukasik has taken a position with the St John Police Department.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to accept Luke Lukasik's resignation.

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

Officer Lukasik is asking that his training re-imbursment be waived completing 53 months of the 60 required. The Commission decided to send this matter to the Town Council for their approval, since it is a signed contract.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to send this matter to the Town Council for their consideration pending legal review.

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

**Note:** Luke Lukasik's exit interview was held in an Executive Session after the meeting which also was advertised in a timely matter.

(6). **Hiring New Police Officer-Chief Smith** stated that the list of the two remaining candidates that will expire April 1, 2015 and is asking the Commission to extend the list to 30 days (April 30, 2015). It was also decided to have an Executive Session on Wednesday April 1, 2015 to interview the 2 available candidates and if the Commission decides to hire a candidate there will be SPECIAL PUBLIC meeting at 7:00 P.M. and if the Commission can't decide at that time, the SPECIAL PUBLIC meeting will be cancelled.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to extend the applicant list to another 30 days, expiring April 30, 2015.

Vote- 3

Toth

Blagojevic

Kaper

Yes

Yes

Yes

(7). **Extension of Probation Officer Christopher Matson-Chief Smith** stated that Officer Matson had a medical issue that put him in the hospital and which caused Officer Matson to lose time at the Academy. Chief Smith would be asking to extend his probation period to December 31, 2015 (would have been October 19, 2015) and successful completion of the Academy.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to extend Officer Matson's probation period from October 19, 2015 to December 31, 2015 with successful completion of the Academy.

Vote-3

Blagojevic

Yes

Toth

Yes

Kaper

Yes

(8). **Other-Chief Smith** asked for approval of starting another **RESERVE PROGRAM CLASS** and would advertise if approved.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic for Chief Smith to advertise for RESERVE OFFICER applicants.

Vote- 3

Blagojevic

Yes

Toth

Yes

Kaper

Yes

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None

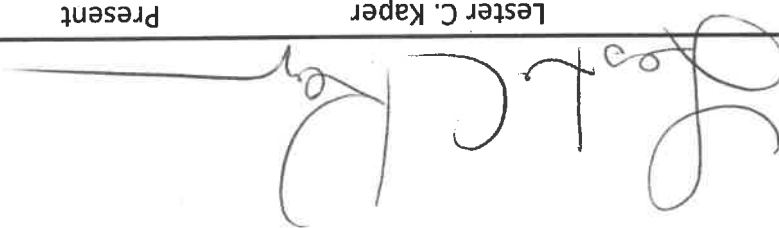

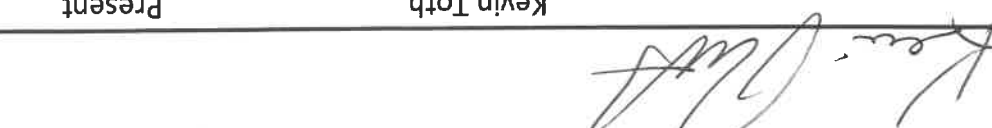
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Vote- 3**

Blagojevic	Yes
Toth	Yes
Kaper	Yes

End 7:33 P.M.

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