

**CEDAR LAKE METROPOLITAN POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:20 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioner, Terri Blagojevic	Present
Commissioner, Kevin Toth	Present
Commissioner, Lester C. Kaper	Present
Council-Liaison, Ralph Miller	Present
Council-Liaison, Randell Niemyer	Absent
Council-Liaison, Julie Rivera	Present
Chief of Police, Gerald Smith	Present
Deputy Chief, Carl Brittingham	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to accept the minutes of Wednesday August 23, 2017.

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

**Motion** made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to accept the minutes Special Public minutes of Thursday August 10, 2017.

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

**NOTE:** Chief Jerry Smith attended the meeting with Deputy Chief Carl Brittingham, who has accepted the IN-TERM Chief position until a new Chief of Police is selected to serve the Town of Cedar Lake. Deputy Chief Brittingham will take over on October 2, 2017, as Chief Jerry Smith will be retired and enjoying his retirement in sunny Florida.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Police Department:**

- (1). **Consolidated Dispatch-** Deputy Chief Brittingham advised the Commission new changes are being made and will be advising the Commission at the October 2017 meeting. Town Councilman Ralph Miller stated that he called 911 and was pleased with the fast service received by Officers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Police Department:**

- (1). **Monthly Activity Report-**Chief Smith gave the monthly activity report from August 2017.
- (2). **Training Report-** Chief Smith gave the monthly training report from August 2017.
- (3). **Technology-**Chief Smith stated, no report
- (4). **Full time Officers Applications/Reserve Applications-**Chief Smith advised that Back ground checks on eleven (11) applicants are being done and once interviews are completed then there could be the hiring of a new Officer. The Reserve program has been put on hold.
- (5). **Officer Stickle-**Officer Stickle will be attending the Academy in January 2018.
- (6). **Squad Cars-**Chief Smith stated vehicles are all on the road and in working condition.  
Chairperson Kaper asked if it was time to order new squads, Chief Smith advised around February 2018.
- (7). **Other-**Chief Smith asked the Commission to approve the promotion of Officer Jason Allande to Corporal.

**Motion made by Commissioner Blagojevic and seconded by Commissioner Toth to promote Officer Jason Allande to the position of Corporal.**

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

**Corporal Jason Allande will assume his corporal rank September 27, 2017**

**(8). Retirement Weapon Special Benefit Compensation.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Toth and seconded by Commissioner Blagojevic to award Chief Jerry Smith his duty weapon with accordance with the Town of Cedar Lake Ordinance #1155.**

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

**Chief Jerry Smith stated that this being his last meeting he was turning over the reins to Deputy Chief Carl Brittingham on October 2, 2017, and he will always keep us in his thoughts as he starts his retirement October 2, 2017.**

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

**(1). Monthly Activity Report-** Tim Layer gave report for the month of August 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Secretary Darlene Sund reminded the Commission OPEN HOUSE for Chief Smith on Sunday October 1, 2017 in the Town Hall meeting room to stop by and wish him well.

David Harkabus from Cedar Lake wishing Chief Smith the best on his retirement and what an amazing job he has done during his career with the department.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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


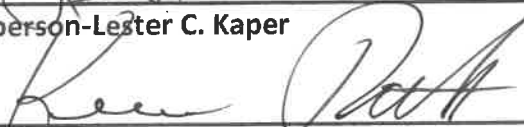

All In Favor

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End 7:43 P.M.

An Executive Session was held before the meeting at 6:00 P.M. reference Personnel pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5.6(b).

A plaque was presented to Chief Jerry Smith from the Commission for his devotion and achievements during his 22 years with the Police Department.

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