

## PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION

September 17, 2019

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Karen Pisowicz, Mark Lynk, Chief James Spanier, Jeff Huckaby, Erik Wagner, Council Liaison

Approval of Minutes-Mr. Lynk made a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019, Mr. Huckaby made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Monthly Reports-Mr. Spanier states there was 406 calls for the month of August, which is a little below average.

Old Business-None

New Business-Thank you notes- Chief Spanier received a thank you note from Lt. John Patston, of Valparaiso Police Department for Officer Gonzalez. On September 2, Officer Gonzalez, who was off duty, helped gather information and control the scene of a bicyclist accident until a Valparaiso PD could get there. He wanted to thank him for his service and what a great guy he is.

He has another one from the Chesterton Police Commission would like to recognize that without the service of all your officers, and especially Officer Dickey, Sgt Casbon, Officer Cornelison, and Officer Ryan, the Chesterton Police department would not have been able to provide the best quality service to the community. The assistance your department provides is very much appreciated.

New Hire- The last new hire had life issues and declined the position. They are still down and they have come up with one applicant. Marcia Kistler, she works for County and should only need a day to get familiar with our system. Mr. Huckaby made a motion accept application of Marcia Kistler for part time dispatch for hire, Mr. Lynk made second. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comments-Brian Marx, 445 Franklin St, the telephone system the Town has was not functioning correctly. Officer Lane helped get the system working and help him do a test call. The issue started on August 29 when there was a manhunt and he wasn't notified. He thinks maybe if we could get a text or call every 3 or 6 months. Chief Spanier that the company discourages test every month or 3 to 6 months. There has been not town wide events so there was no need for it. If we do it, it would be more than a couple times a year.

Mr. Marx states traffic is obtrusive on Franklin. People drive full pedal on Franklin and he is offering up his yard. The speed limit is 20 mph on Franklin. He is not a fan of tickets maybe we could give warnings. People need to be more respectful.

Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, thank you for bringing these issues up. It is nice to see people who care. She also thinks people need notification, and thinks text messages would be better. Police are limited and if you get a couple of hundred people helping maybe it would get done.

Comments-Liaison- None

Commission Comments-

Minutes approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2020.

  
President

  
Vice President

  
Secretary

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