

**WALKERTON BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 19, 2015**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The first meeting of the Walkerton Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners ("WBMP") was called to order by Town Council President Karol Jackson on January 19, 2015 at the Walkerton Municipal Building at 301 Michigan St, Walkerton, Indiana at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:** A silent roll call was taken:

Council President Karol Jackson	present
Council Vice President Gene Reese	present
Council Member Bill Bouse	present
Council Member Kackie Chrapliwy	present
Council Member Roberta Kickbush	present
Town Clerk Treasurer Terri Buckmaster	present
Town Attorney Fred Jones	present

Also present was Marshal Matt Schalliol, and Sergeant Charles Kulp.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Kackie Chrapliwy made a motion to elect Gene Reese Commissioner President of WBMP for three years. Seconded by Bill Bouse. With no other nominations made Kackie Chrapliwy motioned to close the nominations. Seconded by Bill Bouse. Motion to close carried with a 5-0 vote. Motion and seconded to elect Gene Reese as Commissioner President carried with a 5-0 vote.

Bill Bouse made a motion to elect Kackie Chrapliwy Commissioner Vice-President of WBMP for three years. Seconded by Gene Reese. With no other nominations made Bill Bouse made a motion to close the nominations seconded by Roberta Kickbush. Motion to close carried with a 5-0 vote. Motion and seconded to elect Kackie Chrapliwy as Commissioner Vice- President carried with a 5-0 vote.

Kackie Chrapliwy made a motion to elect Roberta Kickbush Commissioner Secretary of WBMP for one year. Seconded by Gene Reese. With no other nominations made Bill Bouse made a motion to close the nominations. Motion to close carried with a 5-0 vote. Motion and seconded to elect Roberta Kickbush Commissioner Secretary carried with a 5-0 vote.

***** The Town Council Members were sworn in by oath to serve on the Walkerton Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners by Theresa Buckmaster, Deputy pro tem.**

4. **APPOINTMENTS:** Matt Schalliol was appointed Police Chief of the Walkerton Department by the Walkerton Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners and was sworn in by Deputy pro tem, Theresa Buckmaster.

5. **RESIGNATION:** Chief Schalliol presented the Board of Commissioners with a letter of resignation of Officer Daniel Byrd. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept the resignation was made by Commissioner President Gene Reese. Seconded by Commissioner Bill Bouse. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Chief Schalliol presented the Board with a letter of commendation sent by the North Liberty Police Department acknowledging Officer Travis Jackson's commendable assistance during a domestic dispute on January 16, 2015.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

WPD Hiring Process: Chief Schalliol shared with the Board the new and written formal hiring process of the Walkerton Police Department. In addition, he showed the Board the changes to the Walkerton Police Department website including a downloadable application.

The new hiring process includes the institution of polygraph testing. Chief Schalliol believes that although not 100% accurate, it should alert them to how honest an individual is by indicating an untruthful disposition. He shared with the Board that this practice is becoming standard when interviewing for potential police positions. The Elkhart County Sheriff's Department has graciously agreed to perform the polygraph tests for free to the Town of Walkerton. Except for the caveats specific to the police department, all other policies in the process mirrors the present policies for the Town of Walkerton.

Chief Schalliol anticipates accepting applications from February 1, 2015 through March 2, 2015 to search for a candidate to replace Office Byrd.

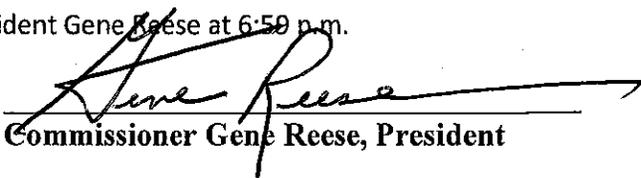
Commissioner Secretary Roberta Kickbush requested research into the ability to recoup expenses for physicals and mental evaluations should an officer on probation resign during the probation period or be suspended for just cause. Sergeant Kulp referenced that the Indiana State Police have a contract that is used for the purpose. Attorney Fred Jones requested that Sergeant Kulp attempt to get a copy of one of those contracts for his review.

Vehicle Purchase: Chief Schalliol presented the Board with a quote from Sam Roberts/Town & Country in regards to a 2015 Fleet / Non-Retail LDEE48 4dr Sdn Police AWD as a replacement vehicle for the vehicle currently driven by Officer Christie. The police department budgeted for this replacement in the current 2015 budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Vice-President Kackie Chrapliwy to approve the purchase of the vehicle per the quote for \$25,809.50. Seconded by Commissioner Karol Jackson. Chief Schalliol further advised that after stripping what was possible, his intention was to request the vehicle be declared surplus and sold on eBay to the highest bidder.

MEETING SCHEDULE: After discussion amongst the Commissioners and Chief Schalliol, it was decided that an administrative meeting will be held once the candidate has been picked for Commissioners review and approval. The normal scheduled meetings will be held quarterly on the same evenings as the Walkerton Town Council second monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. For the rest of 2015, the meeting dates are April 20, 2015, July 20, 2015 and October 19, 2015. Additional meetings can be scheduled should circumstances warrant.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner President Gene Reese at 6:50 p.m.


Commissioner Roberta Kickbush, Secretary


Commissioner Gene Reese, President