

## POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 6, 2014

8:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: George E. Kennedy– Police Commission Chairman  
Robert Peter Guip – Police Commissioner  
Gene Ward – Police Commissioner  
Joseph Petruch – Chief of Police  
James Donohue – Assistant Chief of Police

Commissioner Kennedy asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and to remain standing afterwards for the invocation by Father Vamos.

ITEM I Motion was made to accept the minutes of the Police Commission Meeting dated May 2, 2014 as presented.

Commissioner Kennedy stated all in favor signify by saying, “Aye.”  
All replied, “Aye.”  
Commissioner Kennedy stated, “Opposed, same sign.”  
Commissioner Kennedy stated, “Motion carries.”

ITEM II STATISTICS REPORT

Chief Petruch presented the Monthly Statistical Report for April 2014. The Chief of Police stated Merrillville had 0 homicides, 536 citations, and 1,720 Calls for Service and 92 adult arrests. Chief Petruch stated that the officers continue to do an outstanding job.

ITEM III LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Petruch presented a Level II Letter of Commendation from Commander Kijurna and a Letter of Recognition from Cpl. Bogner for excellent police work performed by Officer Ridgway and Officer M. Bunnell. As these officers were enroute to a suspicious vehicle call, they observed a SUV with a compressor on a trailer matching the description given. Together these officers were able to apprehend 2 suspects and recover stolen property for a local business. Felony Theft charges were submitted to the Prosecutor’s Office.

Chief Petruch presented a Level I Letter of Commendation from Commander Kijurna regarding Quarterly Productivity Report. Officer Gary Henry was commended for reaching the merit range in all seven productivity categories. Also recognized for reaching merit ranges in 3 self initiated categories were Cpl. David DeSalle, Officer Sean Buck, Officer Joseph Merkel, and Officer Matthew Vassel.

The Chief of Police presented a Level II Letter of Commendation from Commander Kijurna for Officer Degard. When information was received from Hobart PD regarding a stolen vehicle from Southlake Mall, Officer Degard went to the area of 61<sup>st</sup> and I-65, where he spotted the stolen vehicle going north on I-65. Officer Degard was able to stop the vehicle at Ridge Road and apprehend the suspect, who later was discovered to be responsible for multiple auto thefts in the area.

ITEM IV OLD BUSINESS

NONE

ITEM V NEW BUSINESS

Chief Petruch read Resolution 897 approving Two Probationary Patrolmen Philip J. Mason and William S. Hanner to be effective from and after 12:01 AM, June 24, 2014. These positions will be for the duration of a one-year probationary period from this date and that the rate of pay will be set by the Chief of Police for the first year of employment.

Commissioner Guip made a motion to accept Resolution 897 and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Kennedy requested that Chief Petruch take a roll call vote.

Chief Petruch took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Guip, "Aye"

Commissioner, Kennedy "Aye"

Commissioner Kennedy stated, "Three Ayes, and the motion carries."

General Order 15.5 – Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept General Order 15.5 – Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act as written and was seconded by Commissioner Guip.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Kennedy requested that Chief Petruch take a roll call vote.

Chief Petruch took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ward, “Aye”

Commissioner Guip, “Aye”

Commissioner Kennedy, “Aye”

Commissioner Kennedy stated, “Three Ayes, and the motion carries.”

General Order 15.3 – Off Duty Firearms

Commissioner Guip made a motion to accept General Order 15.3 – Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act as written and was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Kennedy requested that Chief Petruch take a roll call vote.

Chief Petruch took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ward, “Aye”

Commissioner Guip, “Aye”

Commissioner Kennedy, “Aye”

Commissioner Kennedy stated, “Three Ayes, and the motion carries.”

General Order 17.22 – Canine Training

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept General Order 17.22 – Canine Training as written and was seconded by Commissioner Guip.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if there was any discussion.

Commissioner Kennedy requested that Chief Petruch take a roll call vote.

Chief Petruch took a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ward, "Aye"

Commissioner Guip, "Aye"

Commissioner Kennedy, "Aye"

Commissioner Kennedy stated, "Three Ayes, and the motion carries."

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.