

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES
January 9, 2012

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in the Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall on January 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Commission President Leverenz called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, Leverenz, No, and Troyer.

ABSENT: Commissioner Kirkpatrick

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Attorney Brooks, Mayor Dennis, Police Chief Dombkowski, Deputy Chief Leroux, Lieutenant Sparger, and Tom Shafer, who will be sworn in as a new Police Merit Commission Member at the February 13 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011, Executive Session meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troyer. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Police Chief Dombkowski asked for a correction to the minutes of the December 12, 2011, regular meeting. Officer Greene received a five-day suspension, not a letter of reprimand. Commissioner Corrigan moved to amend the minutes of the December 12, 2011, regular meeting. Commissioner Troyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the amended minutes of the December 12, 2011, regular meeting. Commissioner No seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Announcement from Commission President Leverenz

Commission President Leverenz announced that he was leaving the Commission.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Commissioner Troyer nominated Commissioner Corrigan to serve as President. Commissioner No seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The vote for Commissioner Corrigan to serve as Commission President was unanimous.

Vice President

Commissioner Troyer nominated Commissioner No to serve as Vice President. Commissioner Corrigan seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The vote for Commissioner No to serve as Commission Vice President was unanimous.

Secretary

Commissioner Corrigan nominated Commissioner Troyer to serve as Secretary. Commissioner No seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The vote for Commissioner Troyer to serve as Commission Secretary was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Certification of the Promotional Lists for Captain and for Lieutenant

Counsel Brooks stated that the Commissioners were each provided with copies of the promotional lists for Captain and for Lieutenant. The Commission must now certify the lists.

Commissioner Troyer moved that the promotional lists for Captain and for Lieutenant be certified. Commissioner No seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Counsel Brooks said that the promotional lists are valid for two years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Police Chief

Police Chief Dombkowski presented Commission President Corrigan with a letter of request for the top three names from the promotional lists for both Captain and Lieutenant, noting that when a Captain is named, there would be a vacancy in the Lieutenant rank. There will not be a Sergeant vacancy, as there currently is an extra Sergeant.

Counsel Brooks said that, once the Chief makes determination as to his selection, the Commission would vote on the recommendation from the Chief at the next meeting.

Introduction of New Commission Member

Police Chief Dombkowski introduced Tom Shafer, the new Commission member, whose appointment begins February 9, 2012. Mr. Shafer was elected by the officers of the Department and will be sworn in at the February 13 meeting.

Chief's Report

Police Chief Dombkowski distributed copies of the December Police Department report to the Council and reviewed items in the report.

Update on Hiring Process

Deputy Chief Leroux reported that background packets have been compiled for the five applicants currently in the pool. The Department interviews will be held in early February. Police Chief Dombkowski said that there are currently no openings.

Recognition of Outgoing Commission President Leverenz

In recognition of outgoing Commission President Leverenz, Police Chief Dombkowski presented Commissioner Leverenz with a plaque of appreciation. Commissioner Leverenz has been with the Commission since its inception in 2004. Mayor Dennis thanked Commissioner Leverenz for his heroic leadership contributions to the West Lafayette Police Merit Commission. The Mayor said that Commissioner Leverenz has set the bar high for his successor.

Commissioner Leverenz responded that he has enjoyed his time on the Commission. He said that he has learned a lot, and that it has been a great experience.

Commission President Corrigan thanked Commissioner Leverenz and Counsel Brooks for their work through the tough times. Commissioner Corrigan said that the City is a better City today than it was.

Commissioner Troyer commended Commissioner Leverenz for his work on the Commission over the last eight years. The Commission could not have been better led.

Schedule of Sergeant Interviews

Interviews for Sergeant will be held on Monday, February 20, at 6:45 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room. Deputy Chief Leroux will schedule the individual interviews. Counsel Brooks will see that the notice is published.

NEXT MEETING

February 13, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Leverenz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner No. Commission President Leverenz adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:30 p.m.

Larry Leverenz
President

Bob Troyer
Secretary

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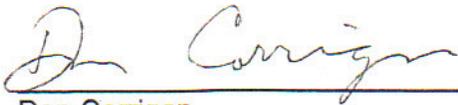
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