

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Ken Wendling, Secretary Tom Bauer, and Member Rick Fox. Police Merit Commission Members absent: Vice-President Linda Lawson and Member Jim Hays. Also present: Chief Heather Burris

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wendling called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2) ROLL CALL

President Wendling called the roll.

3) APPROVAL AND DISCUSSION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 3/07/2023

President Wendling updated the members of final agreements with the Eagle Manufacturing Department at Brown County High School to produce "outreach items" for Department Officers to hand out at Town and County events. Items would include totes, stickers, bracelets, etc. A \$1000.00 price tag has been agreed to.

Chief Burris reported that the picture display of all officers had not been completed and that she needed more frames to complete the picture display. Member Fox contributed funds to complete the purchase of picture frames.

Chief Burris mentioned that planning for the "National Night Out" on August 1, 2023, was continuing.

Member Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/07/2023 meeting. Seconded by Secretary Bauer. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4) REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF BURRIS

A. Chief Burris encouraged members to spread the word and join in the 2nd Annual Landscape the Department at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023. She suggested that donations of flowers, plants, and tools from citizens would be appreciated.

B. Chief Burris reported that she had been in contact with Brian Larson, Operations Controller for the Indiana Department of Transportation. His duties include the management of the State of Indiana's Damage to State Property Cost Recovery Program. As part of the program, kits have been issued to local police departments containing pink tags used to mark damaged state assets caused by accidents. The tagging process is very important for INDOT in recovering the cost of repairing damages quickly and efficiently.

C. Chief Burris has been approached by the "Overdose Lifeline" organization about installing a Naloxone Box at the Nashville Police Department that would dispense doses of Narcan that could be used in a drug overdose crisis. Supplies and support for the project would be provided by the

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“Overdose Lifeline” project. Those Police Merit Board members who were present at the meeting expressed interest in the project. Chief Burris will present the details and merits of the project to the Town Council for further discussion and consideration.

D. The Spring Blossom Parade is Saturday, May 6th. A Nashville Town Police Car will be leading the parade and will be carrying a 12-year-old special passenger Cody Hinkle, and his father Bob Hinkle.

E. Chief Burris has been approached by the Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District about the Nashville Police Department being considered as an option for extra public safety support in their community. The Chief is seeking permission from the Town of Nashville to consider a preliminary exploration of such a project to see if it could provide a beneficial investment for the town of Nashville, the Nashville Police Department, and the Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District. Those Police Merit Board members who were present at the meeting expressed interest in a discussion of the project.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Member Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. President Wendling seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Wendling adjourned the meeting at 4:08 pm.


Police Merit Commission President Ken Wendling

5-16-2023
Date