


The Board of Public Safety met in the Public Agenda Session at 8:19 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in the 13th Floor Boardroom, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana, with Board President John Collins and Board Members Eddie Miller, Luther Taylor, Daniel Jones, and Brian Pawlowski present. Also present was Police Chief Scott Ruskowski, Fire Chief Stephen Cox, and Attorneys Stephanie Steele and Ashley Colborn.

Attorney Steele stated there is an addition of I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) regarding Confidential Records to the Executive Session, and an addition of two (2) items to the Police Department agenda to accept a letter from Chief Ruskowski regarding the pay status of Officer Brandon Jones, and determine pay status of Brandon Jones. She read through the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

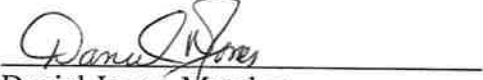
There being no further business to come before the Board, Attorney Steele declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY


John Collins, President

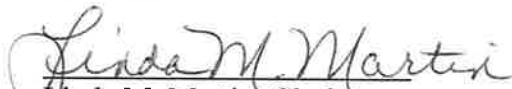

Eddie Miller, Member


Luther Taylor, Member


Daniel Jones, Member


Brian Pawlowski, Member

ATTEST:



Linda M. Martin, Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION


OCTOBER 17, 2018

The Board of Public Safety met in the Executive Session on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the 13th Floor Boardroom, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana, for the purposes specified in I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) regarding Disciplinary Action, I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) regarding Pending Litigation, and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) regarding Confidential Records. Board President John Collins and Board Members Eddie Miller, Luther Taylor, Daniel Jones, and Brian Pawlowski were present. Also present was Attorney Stephanie Steele. Police Chief Scott Ruskowski joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m. for the sole purpose of the discussion of disciplinary action. He left the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Board members did not discuss any subject matter other than the subject matter as specified in the Public Notice. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.


BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY


John Collins, President


Eddie Miller, Member


Luther Taylor, Member


Daniel Jones, Member



Brian Pawlowski, Member

ATTEST:


Linda M. Martin, Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2018

The Board of Public Safety met in the Regular Meeting at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, with Board President John Collins and Board Members Eddie Miller, Luther Taylor, Brian Pawlowski, and Daniel Jones present. Also present were Police Chief Scott Ruskowski, Fire Chief Stephen Cox, and Attorneys Stephanie Steele and Ashley Colborn. The meeting was held in the 13th Floor Boardroom, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Indiana.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Pawlowski and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of September 19, 2018 as presented.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

APPROVE HIRING, AND SWEARING IN OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER – JEFFERY VANCE

In a letter to the Board Police Chief Scott Ruskowski recommended that Jeffery Vance be accepted for employment on a probationary basis with the South Bend Police Department effective October 17, 2018. In his letter, the Chief stated that Mr. Vance has met the requirements of the application process of the South Bend Police Department and graduated from the Indiana Police Academy on Friday, September 28, 2018. Chief Ruskowski noted he had a phenomenal performance. Lt. Kathy Fulnecky read through a short biography of Officer Vance's career and education. Upon a motion made by Mr. Pawlowski, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, the recommendation was approved. Ms. Kareemah Fowler, City Clerk, was present and administered the Oath of Office to Officer Vance. The Board congratulated him and wished him well in his endeavors with the South Bend Police Department. His father pinned his badge on him. Chief Ruskowski noted Officer Vance's family history in Public Safety, with his father serving thirty-five (35) years on the County Police Department.

ACKNOWLEDGE PROMOTION TO CAPTAIN – JOSEPH LESZCZYNSKI

In a letter to the Board, Chief Ruskowski informed the Board of the appointment of Joseph Leszczynski to the rank of Captain. He noted the effective date of the appointment is October 2, 2018. The Board acknowledged the appointment of Captain Leszczynski. Chief Ruskowski stated Captain Leszczynski was not able to be present because he's out on patrol. He added he was sworn on the department on March 29, 1989.

APPROVE PERMANENT PROMOTION TO SERGEANT – ROBERT WISE

In a letter to the Board, Police Chief Scott Ruskowski recommended that Sergeant Robert Wise be promoted permanently to the rank of Sergeant in the Investigative Bureau, effective August 16, 2018. Chief Ruskowski stated in his letter that Sergeant Wise was placed in a special assignment as a Sergeant in the Investigative Bureau on August 16, 2017. His supervisor made an evaluation of the progress of Sergeant Wise and recommended a permanent promotion based on his progress. Chief Ruskowski noted he has excelled at his position. Upon a motion made by Mr. Pawlowski, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried, the recommended permanent promotion was approved.

FILING OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR SPECIALIZED TRAINING – JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2018

Lieutenant Kathy Fulnecky, Training Division, South Bend Police Department, submitted to the Board a written Quarterly Report for Specialized Training for the period of July, August, and September 2018. The report indicated the specialized training attended, the names of the officers who attended and the costs involved. There being no questions concerning this report, the Quarterly Report for Specialized Training as submitted was accepted and filed. Chief Ruskowski made note that this training is only outside of the Police Department, it does not include internal training.

FILING OF MONTHLY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018

President Collins stated that unless there were questions or objections by members of the Board, the statistical analysis report for the month of September 2018, as submitted by the Police Department, would be accepted for filing. Chief Ruskowski noted a 5% decrease overall in Part 1 Crimes through September 2018. He also noted this is the eighth month in a role that there has been a decrease in Part 1 Crimes overall, contrary to what is being reported by the media. There being no objections, the following report was accepted for filing:

<u>PART I OFFENSES</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
HOMICIDE	1	2	+ 1	14	7	- 7
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	3	+ 3
RAPE	9	2	- 7	72	52	- 20
ROBBERY	35	33	- 2	257	277	+ 20
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	63	96	+ 33	452	584	+ 132
BURGLARY RESIDENT	52	71	+ 19	651	489	- 162
BURGLARY NON RESIDENT	18	41	+ 23	287	269	- 18
LARCENY	315	350	+ 35	2602	2429	- 173
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	46	56	+ 10	368	364	- 4
ARSONS	3	6	+ 3	31	35	+ 4
GRAND TOTAL	542	657	+ 115	4734	4506	- 228
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CHANGE IN PART 1 CRIMES						- (5%)

ACCEPT CHIEF'S LETTER REGARDING PAY STATUS AND APPROVE UNPAID STATUS – BRANDON JONES

In a letter to the Board, Chief Ruskowski informed the Board that on September 25, 2018, he placed Officer Brandon Jones on paid administrative leave due to an investigation involving potential criminal charges against him being investigated by the Indiana State Police. Chief Ruskowski requested in his letter that the Board review the appropriateness of placing Officer Jones on unpaid leave until the disposition of the criminal charges. Upon a motion by Mr. Pawlowski, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried, the Board accepted the Chief's letter and approved Officer Jones to be placed on unpaid administrative leave until the disposition of the criminal charges.

FIRE DEPARTMENTAPPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – SOUTH BEND FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION LOCAL NO. 362

Attorney Elliot Anderson submitted the above MOU to update the CBA's personnel certification requirements for fire apparatus operations. Chief Cox stated there were negotiations with the Firefighter's Union amending the contract to address the certifications for drivers. He explained this was a result of the State changing the curriculum for driver's certification. The MOU will make it current and ensure any driver obtain the correct certification for the type of vehicle they are driving. Attorney Steele noted this is not the same one discussed earlier and suggested the Board could wait if they are not comfortable approving it, or if they would prefer they could ask the Chief questions. Mr. Taylor asked if this would apply to all individuals that drive. Chief Cox stated it would not, just to those assigned to those positions. He added those 2nd in line will be aware that they will need to obtain these certifications to bump up to that position. Mr. Pawlowski asked if it places any time limits on them to obtain the certification. Chief Cox stated it does not. Upon a motion by Mr. Pawlowski, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, the MOU was approved.

ACCEPT FOR FILING SOUTH BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT 2019-2020 HIRING LIST

In a letter to the Board, Fire Chief Steve Cox submitted the 2019-2020 hiring list for the South Bend Fire Department. He noted the list will be in effect as of January 1, 2019. Chief Cox informed the Board that the applicants endured a lengthy written exam, physical agility, and oral review application and testing period that lasted from January to October, 2018. He noted the compilation of test results was performed by an independent agency, Testing for Public Safety, LLC. Chief Cox stated that the applicants have gone through the written, physical agility, and oral interview, and if the Board approves this today, they will still need to go through a polygraph and background check, State physical and psychological tests, Pension Board approval, Indiana Certification, Firefighter 1

and 2 Certification, hazardous materials training, among other certifications and tests. Mr. Taylor asked if the list will be broken down to show minorities, including women. Chief Cox explained they engaged the Human Resources Department in making sure they weren't discriminating. He stated they keep all that information separate from the Fire Department, but he could confirm there were 22% minority applicants. He stated he was not sure on veterans, and out of four (4) women that applied, none made it past the physical agility tests. The Board accepted the list for filing.

FILING OF QUARTERLY TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENDITURES REPORT – JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2018

Fire Chief Steve Cox submitted to the Board a written Quarterly Travel and Training Expenditures Report for the period of July, August, and September 2018. The report summarizes travel and training expenditures for the South Bend Fire Department personnel during this quarterly period. There being no questions concerning this report, the Quarterly Report for Travel and Training Expenditures was accepted and filed. Chief Cox noted this is only for outside training, there are additionally thousands of hours that have been done internally that are not reflected.

FILING OF MONTHLY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018

Fire Chief Cox submitted to the Board the monthly report for September 2018 compiled by the Prevention/Inspection Bureau of the Fire Department. Mr. Collins stated if there were no objections, the Board would accept the following report for filing as presented.

A summary is as follows:

SEPTEMBER 2017	SEPTEMBER 2018
STRUCTURE FIRES Property Damage--Buildings & Contents (Estimates)	
\$34,501	\$478,370
INSPECTION DIVISION	
268 Inspections 95 Re-Inspections	173 Inspections 49 Re-Inspections
INVESTIGATION DIVISION	
9 Investigations	14 Investigations
1 Incendiary 2 Accidental 0 Natural 6 Undetermined	1 Incendiary 5 Accidental 0 Natural 3 Undetermined

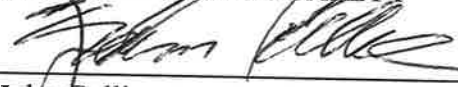
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Chief Ruskowski presented the three (3) types of uniforms being considered for the Police Department and asked the Board to give it some thought and make a recommendation of their preference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY


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Eddie Miller, Member

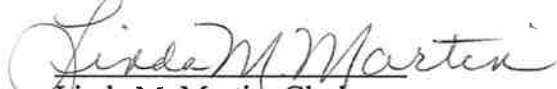

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