

## MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2011

LA PORTE CITY POLICE MERIT COMMISSION

MAIN FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
LA PORTE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
1206 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA

### I CALL TO ORDER – 2:01 pm

President Robert Cutler called the regular meeting of the La Porte City Police Merit Commission to order. The Board members in attendance were Mr. Cutler, Ms. Krista MacLennan and Mr. Larry Pinkerton. Others in attendance were Chief Terrence Scherer, Captain Julie Smith, Sergeant Thomas Thate and Scott Aftowski and Marilyn Shelby.

### II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As each member had received a copy of the minutes of the February meeting, Mr. Cutler dispensed with the formal reading of them. Ms. MacLennan moved and Mr. Pinkerton seconded the minutes be approved as submitted. Unanimously carried.

### III CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

### IV OLD BUSINESS

Sergeant Aftowski, who helped with the recent agility testing, discussed some of his thoughts on protocol and for streamlining the procedure. Everyone present felt all was being done to satisfy his concerns.

### V NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Chroback appointed Mr. Cutler to serve on the Commission until February 28, 2014; therefore, an election of officers was held with results as follows:

President: Mr. Larry Pinkerton  
Vice President: Mr. Robert Cutler  
Secretary: Ms. Krista MacLennan

### VI CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Beginning on February 23, 2011, and continuing through the week of March 7, 2011, Captain Adam Klimczak is re-certifying all officers in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, which adds 3.5 hours to each training total.

#### VII PAST PERFORMANCE

No report at this time.

#### VIII EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS, ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND IN-SERVICE COMPLETED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Officers Patrick Sights and Brian Favia successfully completed 7 hours of training in Firearm Tool & Toolmark Familiarization given by the South Bend Police Department on February 8, 2011.

Officers Crass, Thode, Toth and Worek completed 7 hours of training given by the South Bend Police Department on Understanding Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on February 17, 2011.

Officers Butcher and Esparza successfully completed 18 hours of training on Drug Investigations given by the Indiana Drug Enforcement Association.

Captains Behenna and Klimczak, Sergeant Thate, Corporal Toth and Officers Clark, Drangmeister, Iliff, Schoof, Thode and Uhlemann completed instruction in Counter Strikes and Blocks given by Corporal Owens and added 4 hours to their training totals.

Assistant Chief Heath, Captain Smith, Corporal Lewis, Officers Schoof and Thode completed 3 hours of classroom instruction in Officer Survival given at the South Bend Regional Police Academy.

Officers Blake and Thode participated in the 24 hour Hidden Assets In Vehicles training given by the South Bend Regional Police Academy and the 4:20 Group from February 28 through March 2, 2011.

Assistant Chief Thomas Heath added 4 hours to his training total by attending the Big City/County Quarterly Traffic Safety Meeting given by the Governor's Council in Indianapolis on March 3, 2011.

#### IX EXPENSES

None at this time.

#### X EXPLORERS, RESERVES AND HONOR GUARD

No report at this time.

## XI APPLICANTS

Applicants were given the agility test on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 6:00 pm at the Civic Auditorium. Those passing the test were Mark Bishop, Casey Dome, Chris Gariepy, Joseph Gentile, Jason Kish, Andrew Litka, Brian McIntosh, Trent Mamazza, Christopher Nablo, Mark Oberlin, Joshua Smith, Victor Splex and Wesley VanBrauene. Those who did not meet the requirements were Dennis Fornelli, David Haney, Scott Lanoue, Elizabeth Romstadt and Robert Trusty.

## XII ADJOURNMENT - 2:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Pinkerton and seconded by Ms. MacLennan. Unanimously carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 2:00 pm in the Main Floor Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Krista MacLennan Marilyn Shelby  
Secretary Secretary  
La Porte City Police Merit Commission