



CITY OF LA PORTE

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Council Appointment:

*Ben Anderson
Mar. 2025-Feb. 2028*

Police Vote Appointment:

*Mike Kellems
Mar. 2023-Dec. 2026*

Mayoral Appointment:

*Brian Chalik
Mar. 2024-Feb. 2027*

CITY OF LA PORTE – POLICE MERIT COMMISSION

Minutes

July 9, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | Police Station

1. Call to Order

Vice President Ben Anderson called the regular meeting of the La Porte City Police Merit Commission to order. Secretary Brian Chalik along with Chief Matt Drangmeister, Assistant Chief Jim Ferguson, Administrative Assistant Tricia Metts, and Roger Galloway were all in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of June 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

As each member had received a copy of the minutes from June 10th, 2025, meeting, Vice President Ben Anderson and Secretary Brian Chalik approved minutes as submitted.

5. Correspondence/Expenses

N/A

6. Public Comment

N/A

7. Chief's Comments

Chief Drangmeister announced that Carson Stalbaum will be attending the NLEA Academy on July 28, 2025. He and Assistant Chief Jim Ferguson recently shared a Facebook post promoting Field Day, which featured a water balloon fight video that has received excellent feedback. Field Day is scheduled for August 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kesling Football Field. The department has also applied for the COPS Federal Grant to assist with hiring additional officers and expects to receive notification of acceptance by September.

8. Old Business

N/A

9. New Business

N/A

10. Applicants

So far one application has come in.

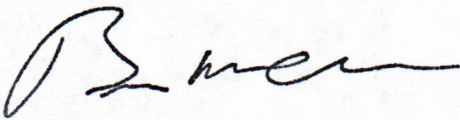
11. Closing Comments

At the July 21st City Council Meeting, four Life Saving Awards will be presented to officers for their role in saving the life of a 57-year-old man. In addition, four Captains Awards will also be presented.

12. Adjournment – 9:20 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by the motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Chalik. Unanimously carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Brian Chalik
Secretary
La Porte City Police Merit Commission

Minutes and agendas from previous Police Merit Commission meetings are available online at www.cityoflaporte.com. Those seeking to participate in the public comment section of the meeting must first fill out a form with their name, address and discussion topic. Speakers will be given a reasonable length of time (as determined by the Board Chair) to make their comment and/or express an opinion. All comments must be in the form of statements, as this is not a question-and-answer session. Personal attacks will not be tolerated and may result in exclusion from future public comment opportunities.