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## **BROWNSBURG POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

These are the Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Brownsburg Police Commission held at the Brownsburg Town Hall on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stan Comer, Allan Bolante, Ray Kotarski, Dwayne Sawyer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief of Police Mike Dove, Major Joe Grimes, Major Pat Bullock, Attorney Jayson Marksberry, Secretary Kathy Polhill

Stan Comer spoke about the passing of Police Commissioner Dr. Tom Garrison and what a loss this was to not only the community, but the police department as well. He then asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence in his memory.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Stan Comer noted Chief Dove wanted to take the time to express his thoughts about Tom Garrison under Item 07.07 on the Agenda. There being no other comments, Allan Bolante made a motion to approve the Agenda. Dwayne Sawyer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no comments or corrections made to the regularly scheduled meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2012, Stan Comer said they were approved as circulated.

Ray Kotarski made a motion to approve the Expense Report dated December 1, 2012. Dwayne Sawyer seconded the motion.

Allan Bolante asked if the final payroll for 2012 was taken out of the \$479,000 left to spend. Chief Dove said it had not been. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.



OLD BUSINESS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Major Bullock is still working with staff, fleet maintenance, and the insurance company adjuster to determine the severity of hail damage to the police vehicles. Some vehicles will be totaled out.

Chief Dove and staff have talked over the year about how to ensure there was enough funding to last to the end of 2012. With there being a savings the end of this year, a "needs" list was created. Several purchases will be made to make it a safer town and a safer department. There will also be a new police vehicle purchased. With all the upcoming purchases, the police department will still be under budget this year.

Stan Comer asked what the savings were on gas. Major Bullock responded that a few months ago there was an expense for around 4,700 gallons. The next month was 4,100 gallons with 4,004 gallons the following month. November it was 3,891 gallons. With the cold weather coming, the amount of consumption will rise due to more idling time.

Chief Dove added the staff has been told to focus not only on how they do police work, but how they patrol. Over the last four months the department has averaged a savings of around 500 gallons a month.

Chief Dove said that due to the very warm temperature on the night of the town's Christmas Parade, he believed this to have had the largest attendance he's ever seen. He thanked the staff for doing a good job during the event.

Chief Dove had no further old business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS  
COMMISSION

The commission had no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dove said that for the end-of-year reports, there is documentation on every aspect from each department within the police department. All statistical analyses and reports should be completed by February, and the goal is to present the year-end report to the commission at the February meeting.

Officer Maples had "run" his dog on a package that contained currency. Through this stop, \$1,800 was given back to the department from the postal inspector's office, for its efforts and help. This money will be put into the police department's Federal Forfeiture Fund. There are still two outstanding cases.

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Dwayne Sawyer asked what valid expenses the Federal Forfeiture Fund can be used for. Chief Dove said on the federal side, there are percentages it can be used for, such as public education and equipment. It cannot be spent all on equipment, training, or hiring officers. Captain Pyatt's vehicle was purchased and completely outfitted from asset forfeiture funds. Funds are also used for Night Out Against Crime. No taxpayer's money has been used for running this event.

There was a fire recently on North Grant Street when the fire territory asked for assistance from the police department. Inside the residence was a large amount of marijuana growing and several weapons were found on the bed. The resident is currently in the hospital as a result of effects from the fire. Chief Dove was unable to comment whether or not this resident is a "major player". The value of the marijuana plants is around \$60,000.

The Emergency Response Team was originally allowed tasers with strict guidelines on training and how they are to be used. After observing the implementation of their use by members who have them on the street, Chief Dove said he learned there are times he has to change his ways and tactics. Therefore, he authorized the purchase of tasers for the entire police department. Strict guidelines will continue to be in place and constantly evaluated by himself and staff for training, how they are deployed, and Use of Force Reports written when necessary. All tasers were purchased within the police department's budget. Some personnel will not receive tasers but will receive the training; they being detectives and some selected upper-staff.

Chief Dove explained there was a particular shoplifter case at Wal-Mart where a lot of property was stolen from. The police department's detectives solved this case that also included cases from other agencies. Major Grimes added this included surrounding counties. The apprehension of the shoplifters was greatly attributed to personnel who were working the road at the time, as well as an off-duty officer who was in the area. Major Grimes said the Detectives Division did an outstanding job in responding to the scene to assist with the apprehension. With more follow-up investigations with other additional information they had from their preliminary investigations from prior incidents, it allowed them to solve multiple cases. He added that it gives great tribute to the fact that officers who are off-duty are ready to serve their community and the department at given notice.

Chief Dove read out a letter received from Sheriff Galloway:

"The Hendricks County Sheriff's Department was requested to assist the Indiana State Police and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department with apprehending a murder suspect on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The murder occurred near Darlington, Indiana at approximately 9:00 p.m. on that day. The suspect resided in the area of CR 901 East and 56<sup>th</sup> Street near Brownsburg. Three of your officers assisted with perimeter security observation of the suspect's home for several hours until we could ascertain the needed paperwork to apprehend and arrest the suspect. Those officers were Corporal Jacque Bass, Officer Jonathan Flowers, and Officer Dirk Fentz.

"On behalf of myself, the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department, and Montgomery County Sheriff

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Mark Casteel, we appreciate the help by those officers. Our ERT was able to take the suspect into custody without incident.

"I personally know we can count on the Brownsburg Police Department in all matters of mutual concern. Please thank these offices for me and also thank you."

Chief Dove said Major Grimes called him that evening saying the department's own ERT was on standby that night.

Chief Dove talked about the close friendship, the respect, and memories he has for Dr. Tom Garrison. Stan Comer also expressed his thoughts and memories of Dr. Garrison.

Chief Dove had no further comments.

Allan Bolante told Major Grimes, Major Bullock, and Captain Pyatt that he commended A- Shift and the Motorcycle Unit for yesterday's funeral procession for Dr. Garrison. He also commended the police department in ensuring the safety of not only the procession, but also the public.

At this point, Stan Comer called for a five minute recess.

#### NEW BUSINESS COMMISSION

Allan Bolante reiterated his earlier comments commending A-Shift and the Motorcycle Unit for a well-organized procession from St. Malachy's Church, to 56<sup>th</sup> Street, to the cemetery.

Dwayne Sawyer said it was all done very professionally. The police department, including the Motorcycle Unit, went above and beyond with their professionalism. The officers stood at attention along the route, displaying a very professional appearance in spite of the elements.

Major Bullock said that in addition to A-Shift and the Motorcycle Unit being there, Major Grimes and the Honor Guard also participated in several activities over the weekend for Dr. Garrison. The reserves assisted with road coverage. Officers from night shifts and the other day shift also helped out.

Stan Comer stated this meeting is the end of his three year term as commissioner. He said it was an honor to serve on this board and appreciated the men and women of the police department for the support they have given him. He has been interviewed to seek re-appointment and expressed his appreciation to the chief, the majors, and the captain for the letter they submitted on his behalf. Less than three years ago, when the decision was made to appoint Chief Dove, Stan Comer said that was the best move the town has seen.

Ray Kotarski said that normally the police commission waits until January to thank the outgoing

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president for his service to the police commission as well as the citizens of Brownsburg. Just in case Stan Comer is not reappointed, Ray Kotarski thanked him for his leadership as president of the police commission and for everything he does for the town.

Dwayne Sawyer said his term also ends as police commissioner this year. He expressed his thanks to the police commission, including Tom Garrison, and to everyone; uniform and civilian staff. He said he learned much about the police force and police work while serving on this board and that it has been a privilege and honor to be part of the leadership in working with the police commissioners.

Allan Bolante said he has served on boards and commissions for the Town of Brownsburg for seven years, serving on the police commission for two years. He wanted to emphasize that of all the boards and commissions he has served on, the police commission and the five commissioners he has served with are "tough to beat". He would like to see Dwayne Sawyer return as a police commissioner.

The commission had no further new business to discuss.

#### MAJORS' REPORTS

There were no comments.

#### OFFICER STATISTICAL REPORT

There were no comments.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORT

There were no comments.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

#### ATTORNEY

Jayson Marksberry directed his initial comments to Stan Comer, recalling Stan Comer was candid to admit he had voted against hiring him. He then realized he had to establish a trust in working together and this did happen. Jayson Marksberry said he appreciated Stan Comer's contributions to the commission.

Jayson Marksberry shared his memories of Dr. Garrison.

Stan Comer admitted to Jayson Marksberry that he was wrong and the other commissioners were

right. He added that he has done an outstanding job as the commission's attorney, and he was the right choice.

The attorney had no further comments.

FLOOR

There were no comments from the floor.

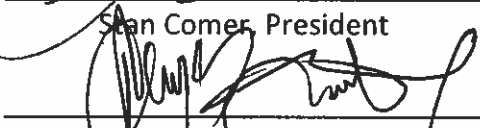
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Stan Comer said it was very obvious the impression Dr. Garrison made on this body. From the emotions shown this evening, his legacy will definitely live on, and he will truly be missed.

There being no objections, Stan Comer adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

THESE MINUTES SO APPROVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2013.

  
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Stan Comer, President

  
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Allan Bolante, Vice-President

  
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Ray Kotarski, Commissioner

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Don Spencer, Commissioner

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Terry Smith, Commissioner

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Kathy Polhill, Secretary