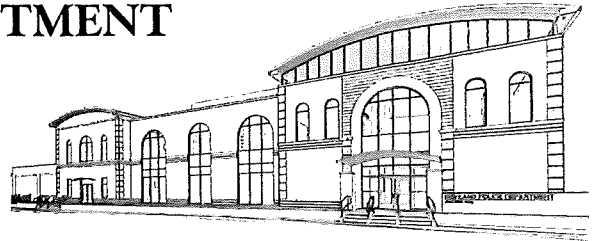




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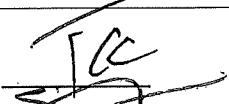

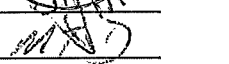
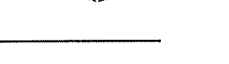
METROPOLITAN BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

STUDY SESSION

Date : July 23, 2020

Location: Public Safety Building (unless otherwise indicated)

Time Called to Order 6:40 Time Adjourned 7:45

		<u>Attendance</u>	
Krooswyk		Chief	<u>P.H.</u>
Jurczak		Attny Reed	<u> </u>
Moes		Herak	<u>M.H.</u>
Danko			
Slagle	<u> </u>		

General Substance of Matters Discussed:

1. Budget

2. Lateral Hiring _____

3.

HIGHLAND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

July 9, 2020

The Highland Police Commission met in regular session at the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Jurczak called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Danko, Slagle, Krooswyk and Moes were present as well as Councilman Herak and Chief Hojnicky.. Attorney Reed was also present.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting were approved.
Approval was given to forward claims to the Town Council for payment.

Personnel

On a motion by Commissioner Krooswyk and seconded by Commissioner Danko the Commission on a viva voce vote accepted the resignation of Officer Daniel A Ponce effective 7-7-20.

Training

On a motion by Commissioner Slagle and a second by Commissioner Moes the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the following training.

Interdiction Mastermind- Aug 3, 2020- Brownsburg, IN- Officers Mullins and Paprocki- Registration- \$175; Lodging- \$210 (2 rooms 1 night at \$93 plus tax); Per Diem- \$210 (\$60 e Officer per day); Mileage- NA- Dept Vehicle provided.

Promotion

On a motion by Commissioner Krooswyk and seconded by Commissioner Slagle the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the following promotions:

Officer Glenn DuRocher to 2nd Class Patrolman to be effective 7-29-20.
Officers Joel Sullivan and Tiffany Perez to 1st Class Patrolman to be effective 7-30-20.

On a note Commissioner Slagle suggested a congratulatory letter be written to those Officers receiving a promotion with Commissioner Jurczak agreeing.

Rapid Response Equipment

On a motion by Commissioner Danko and seconded by Commissioner Moes the Commission on a viva voce vote approved the purchase of the Rapid Response Equipment thru the LOIT Funds.

Business from the floor:

Commissioner Krooswyk asked about the mortar cracks in the building with Attorney Reed stating it would be addressed after the heat/ac system problem was remedied. He also inquired about the LPR/Camera system with the Chief advising 45th /Prairie was currently being installed and they would be doing one intersection at a time.

Chiefs Comments:

Jackie Galambos of Springer Realty dropped off a tray of cookies for all.

Dan Kraly dropped off 3 boxes of whole bean coffee to say thank you for your service.

Mr. Mazzaro, McDonalds owner dropped off a basket of candy and meal cards for sworn and civilian staff.

Chief Timmer wished to convey his appreciation to Cpl Tomondi, Det Conley, Ofcs Ponce and Garza Jr for the way they handled a suspect in a 4 car accident.

Manager of Family Dollar at Rigde/Broad in Griffith brought in bottles of water and various drinks along with candy for the Officers.

Lincoln Street Christian Church provided lunch on Wed June 24 for all shifts.

Bob and Yvonne Hoff sent thank you for Cpl Byers and Ofcr Matusik for your honorable and compassionate actions in regards to assisting them with their disabled vehicle and escort to repair shop.

Tim Kolbert- LP at Meijer sent letter to our agency highlighting Detective Stanley's efforts going above and beyond with a display of professionalism while getting someone help into PAARI program while off-duty.

Nice job to Officer Tiffany Perez on representing HPD at "Highland's Best Summer Camp" and her presentation.

Suburban Bible Church provided lunch for Officers on July 3rd.

Lake County Commissioner Dernulc called the PD to state what a wonderful job Sgt Stewart and Officer Perez did in handling an accident, both have great personalities.

An elderly resident called during the day seeking help in replacing her license plate... Ken Balon stopped there on his way home and changed her plate for her,
Nice Job Ken!

Good Morning Chief Hojnicky,

I would like to take a moment to share with you my appreciation for Officer Frank Peckler. About a month ago, Officer Peckler came across my son Ethan, his best friend Steven and a few other teenagers in the park. When the Officer first approached the boys, they feared it was because they were in some sort of trouble. However, not only did Officer Peckler engage them in friendly conversation, but to my son's surprise, he also took a few moments to play a game of ultimate frisbee with the young men. I would like to note that this simple, yet powerful gesture came at a time when there was a great deal of negative publicity regarding Police Officers in both Social and Mainstream Media.

For the last month, I have heard my son and his friends reference their interaction with Officer Peckler and in fact, state how they wish Officers like him would gain the media's attention. It took one incident of kindness to spark countless conversations in my home of the importance of community and our trust in Law Enforcement. As a family, we have always had the greatest respect for Law Enforcement (several of my family members are Police Officers), however, as a father and a member of the community, it touched me greatly to see my son be able to put a face and a smile to our local Police Department. I teach part time at Purdue University and have run an internship program for a number of years, where I mentor young college students, so when I witness a positive influence on today's youth, it speaks to me on a personal level. Trust me when I tell you that Officer Peckler's interaction with my son and his friends, spoke volumes to them, and I am proud to say that he is truly an influential and positive role model for our Town.

I recently had a conversation with Officer Peckler, but unfortunately at the time I was unaware that he was the Officer which I had heard so much about. I went to the Police Station yesterday to thank him personally for the positive interaction my son experienced with him, and Officer Peckler was unavailable. I was hoping that you could pass my message of gratitude on to Office Peckler, along with my thanks on a job that was remarkably well done. As my son has stated, we need to put a spotlight on the good Officers, luckily, we didn't need to look too far.

Sincerely,

Chad Celestin

Director of Business Analytics

Strack and Van Til

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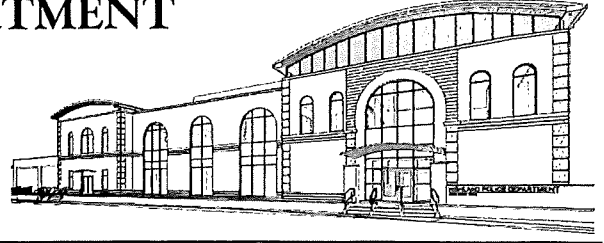
With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM as recorded by LuAnn Stirling, Recording Secretary.



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Danko	<u>[Signature]</u>		
Slagle	<u>[Signature]</u>		

General Substance of Matters Discussed:

1. K-9

liaison to take to TLC to seek funding.

2. SWAT liaison to take to TLC to seek funding.

3. Emergency /Lateral Hires

Proposal under study