

Trafalgar Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2018

Board Members present were President Jim Stump, Commissioner Todd Bridges, James Bowman and Curtis Price. Board Attorney William Barrett and Chief of Police Charles Roberts (non-voting) were also present.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2018, which were approved unanimously on motion by Commissioner Bowman and second by Commissioner Price.

After the approval of the Minutes, Commissioner Mark Chester arrived and participated in the meeting thenceforth.

The Chief reported on the hiring process for a new Merit Officer. He received over 40 requests for applications. Of those, 12 people applied, of whom 11 appeared for the physical agility and written tests. Two failed the physical agility test, leaving nine who took the written test. The top six were interviewed by a committee consisting of Commissioners Chester and Bridges, along with the Chief, the Deputy Chief, and Officer Abbott. The Committee then ranked the six candidates independently, and the top two applicants were thereupon ranked collectively.

The Chief presented the resulting list. Commissioner Bowman voted to accept the list of the two applicants. Commissioner Curtis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Chief then asked the Commission to approve the hiring of the top candidate on the list. Commissioner Curtis moved to hire the top candidate, Mr. Oller. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman and approved unanimously.

A discussion of the hiring process followed. Attorney Barrett pointed out that, if the Commissioners so desired, the entire Commission could interview applicants in the future. After discussion, it was agreed the method utilized in this round was an objective method and that the current committee structure worked well.

There being no further business, Commissioner Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chester seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

These Minutes of the meeting which occurred on April 4, 2018 were signed and adopted this 4th day of September, 2019 in the Town of Trafalgar, County of Johnson, and State of Indiana.



Jim Stump, President

Attest:



Name

Todd Bridges *Board of Police Commission*

Printed name and title