

Trafalgar Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 3, 2016

Board President Jim Stump called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and roll call was taken at 7:01 p.m. Board members present were Board President Jim Stump, Commissioner Mark Chester, Commissioner James Bowman, Commissioner Todd Bridges, and Commissioner Curtis Price. Board attorney William Barrett and Chief of Police Charles Roberts (non-voting) were also present.

After roll call, Board President Stump recognized Chief Roberts and invited him to the lectern to deliver his report to the Board.

Chief Roberts' report included the following topics:

The new Durango has arrived, but the decal installation is unsatisfactory and the vehicle will be returned to the decal installer to be redone.

The Chief recently completed the Department budget and proposed it to the Town Council at the Council's July meeting.

With the new year round school calendar, back-to-school traffic has begun and, given the new traffic patterns resulting from construction, people are learning the new paths to follow. Officer Rather has spoken with the High School Juniors and Seniors about the Department's presence in the school parking lot and the use of the K-9 in the school. Chief Roberts will give a similar presentation to the Freshmen and Sophomores. In the Spring Semester, the Department will present a short course about law enforcement as a career option and the importance of maintaining grades and avoiding criminal conduct as prerequisites to such a career. There will also be a video presentation to younger students about how to avoid on-line predators. The District Superintendent has approved.

As the effects of the PSAP consolidation continue to be felt, Members of the Department will need new radios to handle new frequencies. The Chief has arranged with the Town's grant writer to prepare grant requests in an effort to reduce or eliminate the costs of the new radios.

The Chief reported the burglary of a garage and a rash of cars being rummaged through behind Joe's Junction. He has increased patrols in the neighborhoods in response.

The Chief reported the launch of a new Facebook page for the Department with over 500 Likes already. Attorney Barrett discussed the problem the Beech Grove Police Department had when it removed negative posts from its Facebook page. He suggested the Chief call him in the event of a troublesome, but not profane or lewd, posting and emphasized that non profane/lewd postings should not be removed without discussing the posting with him first.

The Chief expressed his solidarity with the Town's Citizens and thanked people who have made public gestures of support for his officers in the wake of attacks on police.

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Commissioner Chester asked the Chief if it had been a quiet summer and the Chief replied that it had except for a pursuit of a narcotics offender through a corn field and the break-ins described above.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was unanimously adjourned on motion of Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Bridges. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

*These Minutes of the meeting which occurred on August 3, 2016 were signed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 in the Town of Trafalgar, County of Johnson, and State of Indiana.*

  
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Jim Stump, President

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Printed name and title