

AGENDA
POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, March 11, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Municipal Building, 229 S. Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting February 26, 2024**
- 5. Police Department**
 - Request to Hire: Kyle Kent Osborne, Matthew Allen Kline Jr., Patrick Wayne Munson**
 - Swearing in Ceremony**
 - Resignations- Cpl. O'Brian Myers, Ptl. Kyle Macumber**
 - Promotions- Sgt. Jeremy Snow, Sgt. Andrew Chrobot**
- 6. Public Participation**
- 7. Adjournment**

POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, February 26, 2024

President Jim Rieckhoff called a regular meeting of the Police Merit Commission (PMC) to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 26, 2024. Clerk Nancy Wilson called the role. Commissioners Jim Rieckhoff, Thomas Barber, and Clifton Hildreth attended in person. Jean Mayes attended on WebEx. Brad Billings was absent.

1. APPROVE AGENDA

On motion by Clifton Hildreth, seconded by Thomas Barber and carried 4-0, the agenda was approved as presented.

2. APPROVE MINUTES: Regular Meeting February 12, 2024

On motion by Tom Barber, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 4-0, the minutes from February 12, 2024 were adopted.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Request to Hire

Chief Dan Milanese asked Lt. Todd Thayer to come forward. Thirty-three years ago to the day, Lt. Todd Thayer was hired and sworn in as an Officer for the Elkhart Police Department. He served in a lot of different capacities, has a wealth of knowledge and that certainly merits recognition; Patrolman, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief, Interim Chief, he served on the SWAT team for many years, was Commander of the SWAT team, served on the Drug Task Force, he has 25 commendations, he received the distinguished Service Medal, participated in multiple Presidential details, and that is just some of his many accomplishments. He is currently the Lieutenant in charge of training. He will be training the officers sworn in today and sending them on the right path. Lt. Thayer said it has been an honor and a privilege. The Commissioners congratulated him and everyone applauded!

Chief Milanese presented prospective officer Dane Anthony Frieden for hire. Mr. Frieden passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a Police Officer. He asked the Commissioners to hire him and that he be sworn in. On motion by Clifton Hildreth, seconded by Tom Barber and carried 4-0, the PMC hired Dane Anthony Frieden as a Police Officer for the Elkhart Police Department.

Chief Milanese presented prospective officer Matthew Ryan Gimson for hire. Mr. Gimson passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a Police Officer. He asked the Commissioners to hire him and that he be sworn in. On motion by Clifton Hildreth, seconded by Tom Barber and carried 4-0, the PMC hired Matthew Ryan Gimson as a Police Officer for the Elkhart Police Department.

Chief Milanese presented prospective officer Aric Jon Chevalier for hire. Mr. Chevalier passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a Police Officer. He asked the Commissioners to hire him and that he be sworn in. On motion by Jean Mayes, seconded by Tom Barber and carried 4-0, the PMC hired Aric Jon Chevalier as a Police Officer for the Elkhart Police Department. Aric's father, retired Elkhart Police Officer Jon Chevalier presented his son with his badge.

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March 6, 2024

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Dear Commissioners:

Prospective officer, Kyle Kent Osborne, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches, necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a police officer. I am requesting that you will approve the hiring of this candidate and that he be sworn in on March 11, 2024.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Dear Commissioners:

Prospective officer, Matthew Allen Kline Jr., has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches, necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a police officer. I am requesting that you will approve the hiring of this candidate and that he be sworn in on March 11, 2024.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Commissioners:

Prospective officer, Patrick Wayne Munson, has passed all of the required medical and psychological screenings, as well as the appropriate background searches, necessary to become employed with the Elkhart Police Department as a police officer. I am requesting that you will approve the hiring of this candidate and that he be sworn in on March 11, 2024.

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February 13, 2024

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RE: Resignation
Cpl. O'Brian Myers #467

Dear Commissioners:

Corporal O'Brian Myers submitted his resignation letter, effective February 20, 2024. Cpl. Myers was hired on April 23, 2018, and served in the Uniform Patrol Division, for almost six years.

It has been a privilege to have him as a member of our department and hate to lose him and what he has brought to the Elkhart Police Department. Besides his role as a patrol officer he also contributed on the EOD-Bomb Squad and SWAT Team, as well as being a Field Training Officer (FTO), and a Tactical Field Officer (TFO).

He is moving out of state and has accepted a position with the Laramie Police Department, in Wyoming. We wish him the best and a successful future. At this time I ask that you please accept his resignation.

Respectfully,

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RE: Resignation
Ptl. Kyle Macumber #496

Dear Commissioners:

Patrolman Kyle Macumber submitted his resignation letter, effective March 5, 2024. Ptl. Macumber was hired on March 22, 2021, and served in the Uniform Patrol Division.

We wish him the best and a successful future. At this time I ask that you please accept his resignation.

Respectfully,

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February 27, 2024

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RE: Change of Status
Sergeant Jeremy Snow #474


Dear Commissioners,

On August 25, 2023 Jeremy Snow was promoted to the position of sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division, Watch III.

His supervisor, Lt. Mayer, reports that Sgt. Snow has progressed at a rate that is acceptable for a newly promoted sergeant, and has satisfied the necessary probation period.

Sergeant Jeremy Snow has successfully completed his probationary period and at this time I formally request that his status be changed from probationary sergeant to permanent effective February 21, 2024.

Respectfully,



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Chief of Police

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Sgt. J. Snow

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February 23, 2024

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RE: Change of Status
Sergeant Andrew Chrobot #344

Dear Commissioners,

On August 25, 2023 Andrew Chrobot was promoted to the position of sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division, Watch II.

His supervisor, Lt. Travis Snider, reports that Sgt. Chrobot does a good job and makes good decisions in a variety of situations, he also states that Sgt. Chrobot works well with the other supervisors and properly completes supervisor paperwork.

Lt. Snider reports that Sgt. Chrobot is progressing at the proper rate and has no concerns moving him from probationary to the permanent sergeant position.

Sergeant Andrew Chrobot has successfully completed his probationary period and at this time I formally request that his status be changed from probationary sergeant to permanent effective February 21, 2024.

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Sgt. A. Chrobot