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Charles Bradley, *Commissioner*  
James Greco, *Commissioner*

## POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2012

1. This meeting was called to order at by President Keeling at 8:02 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The meeting was held in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building. On role call, all commission members were present.
2. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 20, 2011. Vice President Frederick seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
3. No citizens' comments.
4. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to receive and file the Police and Fire Department Reports for the month of December, 2011. Commissioner Bradley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to receive and file Police Officer Aaron Sanderson's notification of resignation effective January 16, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
6. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to receive and file the certified list of Probationary Firefighter candidates. Vice President Frederick seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
7. Police Department promotions:
  - Vice President Frederick made a motion to approve the promotion of Captain Daniel G. Miskinis to Deputy Police Chief effective February 1, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
  - Vice President Frederick made a motion to approve the promotion of Captain Lewis T. Lindquist to Police Inspector effective February 1, 2012. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
8. Chiefs' Comments.

### Fire Chief Thomsen

- Congratulated Dan Miskinis and Lewis Lindquist on their promotions.
- Mentioned that call volume is up.
- Eligibility list will remain in effect for approximately 2 years.

### Police Chief Morrissey

- Congratulated Dan Miskinis and Lewis Lindquist. With the restructuring in the Police Department their workloads will be different than those of the previous Assistant Chiefs.
- Mentioned that Police Officer Aaron Sanderson's resignation was due to family issues.

9. Commissioners' Comments.

- Commissioner Bradly asked if we have any current Firefighter vacancies. Fire Chief Thomsen indicated we have one, but it will not immediately be filled.
- Secretary Schumacher commented on a recent emergency incident where she lives.
- Vice President Frederick questioned Chief Thomsen about how the eligibility list is used. Chief Thomsen said if we have one vacancy, he gets ten names from the list for consideration. For each additional vacancy he gets five more names.
- President Keeling congratulated those promoted and thanked their families for their support.

10. On a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously, the Board of Police & Fire Commissioners went into closed session at 8:15 a.m. under authority of Section 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss appointments and promotions to the following positions:

- Fire Apparatus Operator
- Fire Lieutenant
- Police Captain (2)
- Police Detective
- Probationary Police Officer (2)

At 9:11 a.m., the Board reconvened into open session on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Bradley and carried unanimously.

11. The next Police & Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building.
12. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Bradley and carried unanimously.

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## POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2012

1. This meeting was called to order at by President Keeling at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The meeting was held in room 204 of the Municipal Office Building. On role call, all commission members were present.
2. Vice President Frederick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 17, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
3. No citizens' comments.
4. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to receive and file the Police and Fire Department Reports for the month of January 2012. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
5. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to receive and file Fire Chief Thomsen's notification of the six (6) day suspension of Apparatus Operator Brenda VanCuick. Commissioner Bradley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Greco made a motion to receive and file Police Chief Morrissey's notification of KPD employee perfect attendance in 2011. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
7. Vice President Frederick made a motion to receive and file notification of Fire Lieutenant Gary Karasti's October 13, 2011 retirement. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
8. Promotions and appointments effective March 1, 2012:
  - The promotion of Police Lieutenant Eric Larsen to Interim Captain was approved on a motion made by Secretary Schumacher, seconded by President Keeling and carried unanimously.
  - The promotion of Police Lieutenant Edo Maccari to Interim captain was approved on a motion made by Secretary Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Greco and carried unanimously.
  - The promotion of Police Officer Douglas Wargo to Probationary Detective was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bradley, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously.
  - The promotion of Police Officer Thomas Steiner to Probationary Municipal Court Officer was approved on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Bradley and carried unanimously.
  - The appointment of Thomas Groth to Probationary Police Officer was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bradley, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously.
  - The appointment of Melanie Thompson to Probationary Police Officer was approved on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and

- carried unanimously.
- The promotion of Firefighter Brian Vogt to Apparatus Operator was approved on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Greco and carried unanimously.
- The promotion of Apparatus Operator Steven Ledding to Fire Lieutenant was approved on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously.

9. Chiefs' Comments.

Deputy Police Chief Miskinis

- Extended congratulations to those promoted and newly appointed.
- Would like to recognize the KPD employees with perfect attendance in 2011.

Fire Chief Thomsen

- Also congratulated those promoted and welcomed the new employees.
- Indicated the Fire Department had many exceptional candidates to chose from for the promotions in their department.

10. Commissioners' Comments.

- Vice President Frederick extended congratulations to all.
  - Secretary Schumacher also extended congratulations and was impressed with the perfect attendance.
  - President Keeling extended congratulations and thanked all employees' families for their continued support.
11. The next Police & Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building.
12. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m. on a motion made by President Keeling, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously.

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## POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2012

1. This meeting was called to order at by President Keeling at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. The meeting was held in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building. On role call, all commission members were present with the exception of James Greco.
2. Vice President Frederick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 21, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
3. No citizens' comments.
4. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to receive and file the Police and Fire Department Reports for the month of February 2012. Commissioner Bradley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to receive and file Fire Chief Thomsen's notification that probationary firefighters Zachary Brokaw, Chad Stoeber and John Rondeau have successfully completed the 121 day probationary period. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
6. Vice President Frederick made a motion to receive and file Michael Tolbert's request for information on Police Officer Jack Decker. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
7. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to forward Michael Tolbert's request to Police Chief Morrissey for handling. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
8. Chiefs' Comments.

### Deputy Police Chief Miskinis

- Indicated the PD had also received Mr. Tolbert's request and the information requested has been provided.
- The Police Department's annual report is out and copies have been provided to the commissioners.
- Mentioned that with the coming of Spring, calls are up.
- The PD had more officers out on patrol this past weekend due to St. Patrick's day.

### Fire Chief Thomsen

- The Fire Department's annual report is out and provided to the commission members.
- The "bagpipers" were out this weekend.
- The annual Police & Fire Commission dinner is coming up in June. The actual date has not yet been determined.

9. Commissioners' Comments.

- None

10. The next Police & Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building.

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bradley, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously.

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## POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2012

1. This meeting was called to order at by President Keeling at 8:01 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The meeting was held in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building. On role call, all commission members were present with the exception of Charles Bradley.
2. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 20, 2012. Vice President Frederick seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
3. No citizens' comments.
4. Vice President Frederick made a motion to receive and file the Police and Fire Department Reports for the month of March 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
5. Vice President Frederick made a motion to receive and file Police Chief Morrissey's notification of Detective Kenneth Kopesky's 3 day unpaid suspension. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Greco made a motion to receive and file Police Officer Richard Heckel's notification of retirement effective April 15, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
7. Commissioner Greco made a motion to receive and file Police Officer Thomas Lesniak's notification of retirement effective April 30, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
8. Vice President Frederick made a motion to receive and file Police Officer Glenn Janzer's resignation effective April 24, 2012. Secretary Schumacher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
9. Secretary Schumacher made a motion to receive and file Fire Chief Thomsen's notice of the amended unpaid suspension for Apparatus Operator Brenda VanCuick. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
10. Chiefs' Comments.

### Fire Chief Thomsen

- Mentioned that the annual Police & Fire Commissioners dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Italian American Club.
- Thanked outgoing president Peni Keeling for her service on the commission.

Police Chief Morrissey

- The Police Department had been fully staffed. However, with the 2 retirements and 1 resignation, there will be 3 positions to fill.
- We are still in the recruitment process and have about 200 more interviews pending.
- Has heard rumors of more retirements coming up.
- As of September 1, 2012 the number of police officer positions will increase by 3, so potentially, we may need to hire 6 to 8 officers.
- The Law Enforcement Memorial service is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- It has been an honor to work with Peni Keeling. Her service on the commission is appreciated.

11. Commissioners' Comments.

- Secretary Schumacher extended thanks to President Peni Keeling.
- Vice President Frederick indicated he would be in touch with President Keeling.
- President Keeling stated it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Police & Fire Commission.

12. The next Police & Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in room 202 of the Municipal Office Building.

13. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m. on a motion made by Vice President Frederick, seconded by Secretary Schumacher and carried unanimously.

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