



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

Thursday, February 8, 2024

A meeting of the Plymouth Township Civil Service Commission was held at the Greater Plymouth Community Center on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

The following Commissioners were present:

Joseph Subbio (arrived during the meeting)
Paulette Jones (on the telephone)
Karen Mabry
Ardis Lukens
Chris Olszyk

Lt. Jeff O'Brien and Scott Badami participated by invitation.

Call to Order – Karen Mabry

Ms. Mabry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all to the formal reorganization meeting for 2024.

2024 Election of Chair

Upon Motion, duly made and seconded, the Commission voted 4-0 (with Mr. Subbio absent) to elect Karen Mabry as Chair for 2024.

2024 Election of Vice Chair

Upon Motion, duly made and seconded, the Commission voted 4-0 (with Mr. Subbio absent) to elect Ardis Lukens Vice Chair for 2024.

January 2024 Minutes

Upon Motion, duly made and seconded, the Commission approved (by a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Subbio absent) the minutes of the January 2024 meeting.



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Police Department Report

Lt. O'Brien gave the Police Department report. He began by announcing that Officer Robert Marinelli was laid to rest on the previous Saturday. Officer Marinelli, who retired in 1992, spent 27 years with the Plymouth Police Department, which followed six years of duty in Philadelphia.

At this point, Mr. Subbio joined the meeting.

Lt. O'Brien then updated the Commission on a necessary firearms transition as some current weapons were found to have been able to discharge without the trigger being pulled. Obviously, that is a potentially significant concern which needs to be addressed.

He next noted that Officer Marinello submitted his retirement papers, targeting a May 2024 date. As such, the Police Department will be coming to the Commission to hire off the active candidate list. Subject to approval of the Commission, Lt. O'Brien believes the recommendation will be to hire Megan Wieczenski. Ms. Wieczenski, who is 33 years old, has a nursing degree and has taught nursing as well. She was close to the best overall interview. If approved, Ms. Wieczenski will need to go to the Academy as she is not yet Act 120 certified. Lt. O'Brien hopes the appointment could be made a month early to get the candidate enrolled in the May 2024 academy class.

Discussion Items

Lt. O'Brien also informed the Commission that Chief Myrsiades plans to attend the Commission's March meeting to give his department update, which will include a review of 2023 as well as his plans for going forward.

In response to a question from Chair Mabry, Solicitor Badami reported he would consult with counsel for the Township to ensure the Commission completes its 2023 Annual Report. The Commission also decided to continue its practice of meeting the second Thursday of each month, with a start time of 6:30 pm as well as informally approved the letterhead for the CSC as presented by Solicitor Badami.

Next, Chair Mabry noted that she very much appreciates everyone's support. She wants to continue the Police Department's mission and to make the department more diverse.

Commissioner Olszyk asked about the best/most effective way for members of the public to comment: should they come to the CSC meetings or to Council meetings? Lt. O'Brien said that either forum would



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be absolutely fine. The Police Department takes comments – even anonymous comments – seriously and the department will document/review the substance of any comment received.

Public Comment

No members of the public commented at the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business (three motions having been passed), the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.

Next meeting of the Commission

March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott M. Badami
Solicitor