

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
POLICE, FIRE, AND SAFETY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY JULY 18, 2023**

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

**Ken Chapman, Deputy Chief, Romulus Fire Department  
Rachel Vitt, Administrative Assistant  
Robert Pfannes, Chief, Romulus Police Department**

**POLICE, FIRE & SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Mark Wilhide  
Stan Bragg (Absent)  
Debbie Lattner  
Cynthia Harris  
Vonda Cooley  
Charles Pecsénye  
James Crova**

1. Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM by Commissioner Wilhide.
2. Roll call
3. Approval of Agenda:

Motioned by Harris, supported by Cooley, to approve the agenda as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wilhide, Lattner, Pecsénye, Cooley, Harris, Crova

Nays – None. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda:

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call - Lattner, Wilhide, Pecsénye, Cooley, Harris, Crova, Bragg
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes – Police, Fire and Safety Commission regular meeting held on June 20, 2023.
- E. Chair’s Status Report
- F. Public Comments
- G. Old Business
- H. Police Department Updates
- I. Fire Department Updates
- J. New Business
- K. Communications

L. Adjournment

**4. Approval of Minutes** – Police, Fire and Safety Commission regular meeting on June 20, 2023.

It was motioned by Lattner to approve minutes from June 20, 2023, supported by Pecsénye.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Lattner, Pecsénye, Cooley, Harris, Crova. Nays – None. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. CHAIR STATUS REPORT:**

- Commissioner Wilhide has spoken with the Library and the PFSC can use computers there to complete FEMA classes.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**8. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- Chief Pfannes reported that three officers are leaving Romulus. The three officers all have less than three years. The officers are going to Bloomfield, Auburn Hills, and Houston, Texas.
- The Police department is sending the five new vehicles to the previous contractor for upfitting.
- Three new officers started the Police Academy.
- The Police is sponsoring a Community Police Ride at Halecreek School on Saturday July 29, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Commissioner Wilhide asked if volunteers were needed. Commissioners Wilhide, Lattner, Harris, Pecsénye, and Cooley volunteered to participate.
- Police Chief believes there is a 95% chance of the Police Department staying at the same location. He is meeting with potential contractors.
- Currently firearms qualifications are being held at the Van Buren Range. He is working on a partnership with the Raccoon Hunter Club to use their Range. The Raccoon Hunters Club is located on Wick near Cogswell. This would save funds. Commissioner Pecsénye asked if Romulus has ever considered using the airport's firing range. Commissioner Cooley questioned how close the Raccoon Club Range was to the homes located on Ozga near Ecorse.

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- Contract talks ended in June and new contract has been ratified. Deputy Chief Chapman stated that although the contract was settled, it seems that money, such as benefits, do not matter to employees, six employees have left and six applicants that positions were offered to did not take them.
- Deputy Chief Chapman notified Commissioners that Brain is no longer with the Fire Department and has moved on to SEMCOG.
- Deputy Chief Chapman introduced the new Fire Department Administrative Assistant to the PFSC. Rachel Vitt was selected. She was one of 15 applicants.
- The By-laws review by the city had minor changes and were updated to clarify Article 4 Section 3.
- It was motioned by Lattner to accept and approve the by-laws with the clarifying changes, as written, supported by Pecsénye. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Lattner, Pecsénye, Cooley, Harris, Crova. Nays – None Motion carried 5-0.
- Commissioner Wilhide will contact Fire Department to finalize a date for the CPR class. Looking at October 2023.
- Deputy Chief Chapman discussed cultural changes and the usage of mutual aid.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commissioner Wilhide informed the PFSC Commissioners that he would be available for the proposed picnic date. A list of sides that will be brought by Commissioners will be forwarded to Commissioner Crova.
- Commissioner Wilhide stated that several Commissioners ID is expired. The City ID Clerks works Wednesday through Friday.
- Commissioner Lattner will forward the complaint form to Commissioners for input on tailoring form for PFSC.
- Commissioner Wilhide will be forwarding the by-laws to the Mayor for City Council approval. He requested that Commissioners attend the City Council Meeting when the date has been established.

#### **11. Communications:** None

#### **12. Adjournment** – Motioned by Harris Seconded by Cooley at 5:24 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Lattner, Pecsénye, Cooley, Crova, Harris. Nays – None. Motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be on August 15, 2023.