

AGENDA
POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, June 9, 2025 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Municipal Building, 229 S. Second Street, Elkhart, IN 46516

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1-415-655-0001 Meeting Number 2313 591 7835
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes- Regular Meeting May 12, 2025
5. Police Department
 - Change of Status- Cpl. Paul Vandenburg, Ptl. Dustin Fitzgerald, Cpl. Jonathan Bontrager, Cpl. Christopher Lewis, Ptl. Thomas Cripe
6. Public Participation
7. Adjournment

POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Monday, May 12, 2025

President Jim Rieckhoff called a regular meeting of the Police Merit Commission (PMC) to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2025. Clerk Nancy Wilson called the role. Commissioners Jim Rieckhoff, Clifton Hildreth, Brad Billings and Thomas Barber attended in person. Jean Mayes attended on Webex.

1. APPROVE AGENDA

On motion Thomas Barber, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 5-0, the agenda was approved as presented.

2. APPROVE MINUTES: Regular Meeting March 24, 2025

On motion by Brad Billings, seconded Clifton Hildreth and carried 5-0, the minutes from March 24, 2025 were approved.

3. POLICE

Chief Dan Milanese presented a Change of Status notification for Sgt. Seth Watkins. On April 30, 2025 he was selected to fill the Acting Homicide Detective position. Jim Rieckhoff accepted the notification.

Chief Milanese presented the resignation of Probationary Ptl. Mitchell Garrett effective April 16, 2025. On motion by Jean Mayes, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 5-0, the resignation of Probationary Ptl. Mitchell Garret was approved.

Chief Milanese presented notification of the retirement of Cpl. Michael Windmiller effective May 9, 2025. He served the Elkhart Police Department for 25 years.

4. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Brad Billings, seconded by Clifton Hildreth and carried 5-0, the City of Elkhart, Indiana Police Merit Commission was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

_____ Jim Rieckhoff, President

Attest: _____ Clifton Hildreth, Secretary

Rod Roberson
Mayor

Dan Milanese
Chief



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May 21, 2025

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Re: Change of Status
Cpl. Vandenburg #456

Dear Commissioners:

On May 21, 2025, Cpl. Paul Vandenburg was selected to fill the Acting Sergeant Position with the Elkhart Police Department. Starting date is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Daniel Milanese
Chief of Police

cc: Personnel File
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Rod Roberson
Mayor
Dan Milanese
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May 22, 2025

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Re: Change of Status
Patrolman Dustin Fitzgerald #514

Dear Commissioners:

On May 22, 2025 Patrolman Dustin Fitzgerald will complete his second year of service as a police officer with the Elkhart Police Department. His status will be changed from 2nd class to 1st Class.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dan Milanese
Chief of Police

C: Captain Hamlin
Personnel File
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Ptl. Fitzgerald

Rod Roberson
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Dan Milanese
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May 13, 2025

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Re: Change of Status
Cpl. Jonathan Bontrager #426

Dear Commissioners:

On May 13, 2025, Cpl. Jonathan Bontrager was selected to fill the Field Training Position with the Elkhart Police Department. Starting date is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,



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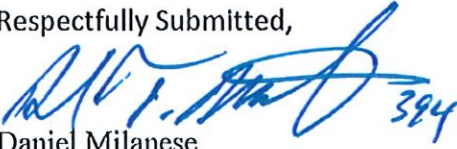
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Re: Change of Status
Cpl. Christopher Lewis #406

Dear Commissioners:

On May 13, 2025, Cpl. Christopher Lewis was selected to fill the Field Training Position with the Elkhart Police Department. Starting date is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,


Daniel Milanese
Chief of Police

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June 4, 2025

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Re: Change of Status
Ptl. Thomas Cripe #493

Dear Commissioners:

On June 4, 2025, Ptl. Thomas Cripe was selected to fill the Acting Sergeant Position with the Elkhart Police Department. Starting date is June 4, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Daniel Milanese
Chief of Police

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