

SPECIAL
PORTER METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION
JULY 29, 2025
TOWN HALL

The Porter Police Commission was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

In attendance were Jeff Huckaby, Gerald Gruett, Mark Harris, Chief Dan Dickey, Kelly Karriman, Council Liaison, and Tammie Sufana Recording Secretary.

Approval of Minutes-Gruett made a motion to approve the minutes of Special meeting on June 20, 2025, Harris seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Monthly Reports-NONE

Old Business-NONE

New Business –

1. Policy and General Order Revision/Amendments-Regarding General Order 24 Promotion Process Policy, he drafted a new policy suitable for the department. The GO24 has been reviewed and approved by the attorney. Gruett made a motion to accept new General Order 24 Policy, Harris made second. Motion carries 3-0.

General Order 38 Support Unit Specialty-this is something that he has created in combination with other departments to see what they have. This has also been approved by attorney and insurance company. Basically this is a support unit specialties policy allows officers to participate in varies support services units. Beneficial for officers to train with other agencies. Gruett asks if this covers local, state, and federal participation programs. Chief Dickey states to his knowledge it doesn't restrict. Harris asks if attorney aware you may cross state lines and is he ok with that too. Chief Dickey states he will bring it up to attorney. Gruett made a motion to accept General Order 38 Support Unit Specialty, Harris made second. Motion carries 3-0. Chief Dickey states in addition to GO 38 there was a last-minute update to MOU will require town council approval he is asking permission to seek

council approval.

Gruett made a motion to accept seeking Town Council approval for MOU
Harris made second. Motion carries 3-0.

2. Request to being promotional process-

Chief Dickey would like to request commission approval to conduct a promotion process. He has two different ranks available with varying slots available for those.

Gruett made a motion to move forward with promotion process, Harris made second. Motion carries 3-0.

Chief Dickey has a letter of Special Order suspending General Order 24 Promotion Process, due to exigent circumstances regarding rank within the Porter Police Department.

Gruett made a motion to approve Special Order suspending General Order 24, Harris made second. Motion carries 3-0.

Chief Dickey states he one spot available for rank of Patrol Lieutenant and has two candidates eligible. They will need to turn in a letter of intent and then the commission can decide. If only one turns in a letter of intent, then they will be promoted by default.

Chief Dickey mentions he has two spots for rank of Sergeant available and two officers eligible. Officer Kevin Rospierski was promoted to the rank of Sargent. Officer Austin Haynes was promoted to the rank of Sargent. Chief Dickey states both officers are stellar employees and will do anything ask to do. They are both are very deserving of this promotion. Haynes does IT work, Rospierski is heading up Cookout with Cops. Chief Dickey also mentions that he is thinking of doing in future a PRO-Public Relations Officer and he thinks Rospierski will be the first PRO.

Huckaby congratulated both Sergeant's and continue to do the great work you have been doing. Gruett congratulate both officers and the whole department. Chief Dickey appreciates the commissions support.

3. Department Informational Update-Officer Reynolds has accepted a conditional offer of employment with CN RR Police and we wish him well. The department remodel hit a lull but is expected to be done in the next couple of weeks Officer Haynes is helping. In addition to all the general order and policy revisions there will be a lot of them coming. Cookout with the Cops, headed by Corporal Rospierski reminder is August 8th 4pm-8pm at Hawthorne Park we had a good turnout last year. They are confident this year will be even bigger.

Public Comments-NONE

Comments-Liaison-Karriman thanked Officer Reynolds and wished him well sad he is leaving. And congratulations to Haynes and Rospierski it is well deserved.

Commission Comments-Gruett thanked Reynolds and wished him good luck on new assignment.

Harris said congrats to Reynolds and don't be stranger. He also congratulated Rospierski and Haynes be safe. Chief take care of them.

Huckaby agrees with everything said by other commissioners.

Minutes approved this 18th day of August, 2025.

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Jeff Huckaby, President

Jerry Gruett, Vice President

Mark Harris

Attest: Tammie Sufana