MERRILLVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
Merrillville Town Hall, 7820 Broadway

September 4, 2026

Regular Meeting called to order at 2:08 PM

ITEM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION
The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

ROLL CALL

William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman, Present
Petar Dragojevic – Police Commissioner Vice Chairman, Present
Michael Rich – Police Commissioner, Present
Thomas Pawlak – Police Commissioner, Absent
W. Luther Cuttino – Police Commissioner, Present
Justin Murphy –Police Commission Attorney, Present
Konstantinos Nuses – Chief of Police, Present
Shana Levinson – Chief's Attorney, Present
Matthew Vasel – Assistant Chief of Police, Absent
Lori Sanfratello – Chief's Executive Director, Present

A quorum is present.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE July 10, 2026, REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2026, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE August 26, 2026, EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2026 Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM 5. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nuses presented the June 2026 Statistical Report; 205 Traffic Stops; 248 Total Citations; 2,589 Calls for Service; 4,508 Total Incidents; 80 Adult Arrests; 2 Juvenile Arrests; 19 Domestic Battery; 34 Thefts.

Chief Nuses presented the July 2026 Statistical Report; 280 Traffic Stops; 237 Total Citations; 2,781 Calls for Service; 4,737 Total Incidents; 247 Domestic Battery; 35 Thefts.

Chief also added that the Officers are doing and Excellent Job.

ITEM 6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Ratify the Emergency Hiring List with only approving Alexis Gerolemos as Eligible and was seconded by Commissioner Rich. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM 8. INTRODUTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Rich made a motion to Approve Resolution 1062 Approving Employment for Probationary Patrolman Edgar Favela and was seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 4 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Approve the Conditional Offer and to Approve Employment for Second Class Probationary Patrolman Alexis Gerolimos and was seconded by Commissioner Rich. 4 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM 9. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was none.

ITEM 10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Police Commission meeting was set and changed to October 2, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 4 ayes, motion passed

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 2:19 pm.

Passed and adopted on this 2th day of October 2026.

Lori Sanfratello
Chief's Executive Director
Police Commission Secretary

William Poling
Police Commissioner, Chairman