MERRILLVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES
Merrillville Town Hall, 7820 Broadway

June 5, 2026

Regular Meeting called to order at 2:08 PM

ITEM I — PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

William Poling – Police Commissioner Chairman, Present
Petar Dragojevic – Police Commissioner Vice Chairman, Absent
Michael Rich – Police Commissioner, Present
Thomas Pawlak – Police Commissioner, Present
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, Present
Lori Sanfratello – Chief's Executive Director, Present

A quorum is present.

ITEM III — APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 1, 2026, REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2026, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM IV — APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE May 18, 2026, SPECIAL MEETING.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2026, Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM V — APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE May 18, 2026, EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2026, Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Pawlak. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM V — CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nuse presented the April 2026 Statistical Report; 2,292 Calls for Service; 4,015 Total Incidents; 127 Extra Patrol; 46 PSR Reports; 312 Total Citations; 12 OWI Arrests; 304 Traffic Stops; 1 Robbery; 20 Domestic Battery; 34 Thefts.

ITEM VI INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Approve Resolution 1059 Promoting Probationary Patrolman Colin Arndt and Christopher Bartholomew to Second Class Patrolman, seconded by Commissioner Cuttino. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM VII OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Approve the Resignation Letter from Officer DeBenedetti, seconded by Commissioner Rich. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM VIII NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cuttino made a motion to Award Lt. Smith and Ofc. Enyeart a Level I Commendation and was seconded by Commissioner Rich. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevic was also presented with a certificate and recognition for his vigilance and concern for the welfare of the citizen.

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to Table General Order 27.06 Applicant Hiring Process Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Rich. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Dragojevic made a motion to Expire Exhausted Lateral Hiring Process, seconded by Commissioner Rich. 5 ayes, motion passed.

Commissioner Rich made a motion to Open a New Lateral Hiring Process, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 5 ayes, motion passed.

ITEM IX PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was none.

ITEM X ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Police Commission meeting was set and changed to July 10, 2026, at 2:00 pm due to the Holiday being observed on July 3, 2026.

ITEM XI ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pawlak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dragojevic. 5 ayes, motion passed

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 2:22 pm.

Passed and adopted on this 10th day of July 2026.

Lori Sanfratello
Chief's Executive Director
Police Commission Secretary

William Poling
Police Commissioner, Chairman